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RED ALERT IN MANY STATES AS MONSOON COVERS ENTIRE INDIA

Southwest monsoon has covered entire country 9 days earlier than usual, bringing rain in Delhi and other northern states

CLOUDBURST IN UTTARAKHAND KILLS THREE

The IMD has issued a red alert for heavy rainfall on June 29 and 30 in Uttarakhand, including Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri, Haridwar and Nainital. Authorities have put the Chardham yatra on hold for a day for the safety of pilgrims. A cloudburst in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi early Sunday left three construction workers dead | **P8**

SHIMLA-KALKA RAIL LINE SUSPENDED

- Services on the Shimla-Kalka rail line — a UNESCO world heritage — were suspended on Sunday after boulders and trees fell on the tracks following overnight rains in Solan. A bridge was also washed away
- Jharkhand's capital Ranchi, which has been experiencing rainfall since Sunday morning, is likely to receive heavy rain till July 2

June 26

IN 2020 WAS THE LAST TIME MONSOON HAD ARRIVED EARLIER THAN USUAL

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Maharashtra govt rescinds orders on 3-language policy

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government on Sunday decided to rescind the decision to introduce Hindi as a third language in primary schools, a move that was panned by opposition parties as part of 'Hindi imposition'.

Announcing the decision on Sunday, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said: "The state cabinet has decided to withdraw the Government Resolutions issued in April and June regarding the implementation of the three-language policy from Class 1."

Following the announcement, the Raj Thackeray-led Maharashtra Navnirman Sena and Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT) cancelled their protest march planned on July 5 against the earlier government orders on teaching Hindi in primary schools.

Fadnavis said a committee headed by economist and writer Narendra Jadhav will be formed to study the three-language formula and submit a detailed report on whether it can be implemented in primary schools. Till then, the government orders about introducing Hindi as a third language stand cancelled, he said.

"The decision of third language policy was accepted by former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray as it was recommended by scientist Raghunath Mashelkar. One Shiv Sena (UBT) member even said that Marathi, English, and Hindi should be made mandatory up to graduation level," Fadnavis said, adding Uddhav wanted to implement the recommendations but later took a U-turn.

Uddhav dismissed the claim, saying he had appointed a study group on Mashelkar panel suggestions, but the group did not hold even a single meeting

Meanwhile, political observers said the move might dent Fadnavis' image as he would now been seen as buckling under pressure.

Relatives of the deceased mourn the deaths in Puri; people gather near chariots of Lord Jagannath during the annual 'Rath Yatra' in Puri, Odisha, on Sunday | PTI

Three crushed in stampede at Puri

Several injured in incident near Gundicha temple; tragedy when trucks entered crowded area

RAJ KUMAR MOHANTY & ASISH MEHTA @ Puri/Bhubaneshwar

THREE devotees, including two women, were killed and six others suffered injuries when a stampede occurred in front of Gundicha Temple in Puri here in the wee hours on Sunday. After chariot-pulling was completed as part of Rath Yatra, all three chariots were parked in front of the temple when the tragedy took place around 4.20 am. The temple is significant for being the destination of the annual Rath Yatra.

Two of the victims died on the spot, while the third succumbed in a hospital. Six more injured have been admitted to the district headquarters hospital, Puri Collector Sidharth Shankar Swain said.

The deceased were identified as Basanti Sahu (36) of Bolagarh, Pravati Das (45) from Balipatna and Prema Kant Mohanty (78) from Khurda. The incident took place when the morning 'pahada' lifting (opening for darshan) rituals had just begun leading to a sudden rush of devotees to catch a glimpse of the deities on the chariots.

The gathering in front of Lord Jagannath's chariot Nandighosa swelled and amid the push and pull, people started falling over each other.

Eyewitness accounts said two trucks entered the area to unload the ladder parts for fixing the chariots to facilitate pahandi of the deities to the Gundicha temple. Devotees had to squeeze themselves to pave the way for the vehicles and the tragedy occurred.

Expressing anguish over the incident, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi sought forgiveness from devotees of Lord Jagannath for the loss of lives. He also directed a probe by Development Commissioner Anu Garg and announced a compensation of ₹25 lakh each for kin of the deceased persons. **P5**

Collector, SP shunted

Just after the tragedy, Puri collector Siddharth Shankar Swain and SP Vinit Agrawal were transferred, while DCP Bishnu Pati and Commandant Ajay Padhi were suspended for the serious lapses

Guv condoles deaths

Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati on Sunday expressed grief over the death of three persons in the crush. Kambhampati said on X: "Saddened by tragic loss of lives in the unfortunate stampede at Saradhabali"

Rly reservation chart to be out 8 hours ahead of departure

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AS part of its efforts to ease passenger comfort, the rail ministry is planning to release reservation charts eight hours prior to a train's departure. Currently, the charts are released four hours before the scheduled departure. The new system is expected to come into effect from next month.

Early preparation and release of charts will help passengers on waitlisted tickets know their status early enough to make alternative arrangements in case of non-confirmation.

The decision follows a series of meetings between railway officials and Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on how to improve ticket booking and travel convenience for passengers.

"To improve travel uncertainty, the rail ministry has proposed the new time frame to release the reservation chart, most likely to be implemented by July 1 or a few days late as it requires some technical modification in the system," said a senior official, adding OTP-based authentication for Tatkal bookings will start on July 1.

PM talks of K'buragi rotti in Mann Ki Baat, orders spike

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, during his Mann ki Baat address on Sunday, mentioned Kalaburagi rottis and within hours, the Kalaburagi Rotti Producers Cooperative Society received over 60 orders through Amazon.

The Society, which supports hundreds of women in Kalaburgi district who make jowar rottis, has received orders for 1,000 rottis (60 orders) and the number was only increasing. The Society buys rottis from women self-help groups in different villages of Kalaburagi district and dispatches them through e-commerce platforms.

Ningamma of Nandi Basaveshwara Rotti Kendra at Kotnur village on the outskirts of Kalaburgi city was pleased that the prime minister mentioned Kalaburagi rottis. **CONTINUED ON P5**

'Kalaburagi Rotti', new flavour of Karnataka

TIGER DEATHS

Villagers took advantage of watchers' stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

THE three accused arrested for the death of a tigress and her four cubs took advantage of a protest by forest watchers to lace the cow's carcass with poison that led to the tigers consuming the poisoned meat and dying, sources said.

Forest watchers went on a strike on Monday, protesting against their salaries not being paid over the last few months. In the absence of staff in the forest, the accused -- Madaraja, Kunappa and Nagaraj -- poured poison on the carcass of the cow that had already been killed by the tigers. They knew that the tigers would return to consume the meat two to three days after the kill and waited for their moment. They wanted to avenge the killing of their cow, the sources added.

The arrest of Madaraja, who is the son of a prominent leader in the locality -- Shivanna, has shocked many in the area. **P5**

EXPRESS READ

Banu to preside over Sahitya Sammelana

Ballari: Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq will be appointed president of the 88th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, to be held in Ballari in December. She is the first Muslim writer to be appointed to this position | **P4**

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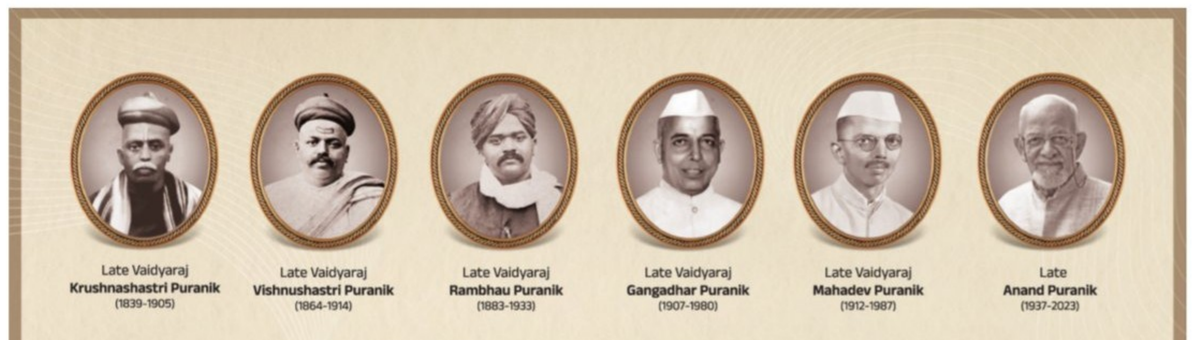
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• **Nakshatra:** Makha 10.01 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 20°C | MAX 29°C — **FORECAST** Overcast

Sunrise 05.57 am · Sunset 06.49 pm · Moonrise 10.22 am · Moonset 10.56 pm

NO SHOPS, NO SHOPPERS

BBMP'S ₹13-CR PALIKE BAZAAR HANGS IN LIMBO

Even after a year, BBMP yet to allot stalls; 25 vendors illegally run business in market

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

NEARLY a year after it was opened with much fanfare, the Krishnadevaraya Palike Bazaar in Vijayanagar -- labelled as South India's first air-conditioned underground market — is already on the verge of failure. Despite being a Rs 13-crore project that took almost seven years to complete, the BBMP has still not floated tenders to officially allot the 79 shops. Meanwhile, about 25 vendors have illegally occupied the stalls and are running their business, albeit at a loss.

"This market was built for us, but we have been left out," said Devaraj M from the Bengaluru Urban District Street Vendors' Association. "We were surveyed in 2021, but none of us have been given shops. Instead, others, not from Vijayanagar, have moved in without any process."

The market was meant to relocate street vendors from the busy service road in Vijayanagar. In 2021, BBMP had identified around 30 vendors to be shifted there. But instead of those who were officially surveyed, a different group of traders is now occupying the stalls without allotment or clarity on how they got access. Some of the vendors claimed they were permitted by BBMP following requests made through a political leader, but they refused to say who they have been paying rent to.

BBMP officials told *TNIE* that tenders for shop allotment will be floated soon but did not clarify how the current occupants came to be there.

Traders operating outside the complex have raised objections, saying those inside are not from the area and were never part of the original list. "These are unauthorised traders. If this continues, the whole project will collapse. BBMP must act," said Devaraj.

Even those now operating inside the market admit that business is poor. With very little footfall, they say they are incurring losses daily. Traders blame the BBMP and the government for failing to promote the new market. "People don't even know this exists," said Suresh, one of the vendors. "There's no signage, and on top of that, the white-topping work outside the entrance has made access worse."

Many questioned the timing of the road work. "If it was needed, why wasn't it done before the inauguration?" asked Prasad K, another vendor. "By the time this will be done, the public will forget about the market. Instead of digging up the roads now, the government should focus on promoting the market and filling the stalls properly," he added.

The Palike Bazaar near Vijayanagar Namma Metro Station | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Ramu Patil, Assistant Resident Editor, The New Indian Express, Karnataka, was conferred the MV Kamath Memorial Journalism Award for English Journalism, instituted by Vishwa Samvada Kendra (VSK) Karnataka, at an event at BMS Engineering College in Basavanagudi on Sunday. VSK Karnataka, an NGO working in the field of Media and Communications since 1992, gives VSK Media Awards to eminent journalists annually. This year, they started the MV Kamath Memorial Journalism Award for English Journalism, which was presented to Ramu Patil | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Thousands turn up for mega e-khata mela, 677 get documents on the spot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

DURING the e-khata Mela and door-to-door e-khata distribution programme organised by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the revenue department in Byatarayanapura on Sunday, over 4,000 tokens were distributed and 1,679 applications were processed, of which 677 applicants received their final e-Khatas on the spot.

With more citizens still awaiting service, the mela will continue on Monday (June 30).

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar stressed the government's commitment to clean governance. "No citizen should have to pay a bribe to obtain their property records. This government has come to your doorstep to protect your property," he said. Highlighting the importance of digitisation, he stated that property records across BBMP limits are being scanned and corrected. "Just like Aadhaar gives a unique identity to individuals, we will assign a unique identifier to every property," he added.

Shivakumar also announced that the e-khata campaign will run throughout July, covering all BBMP wards. "Get your e-khata and protect your property from fraud. Officers and workers will assist you," he told people.

As thousands turned up at the mega e-khata mela, many citizens faced difficulties due to long queues, delays in processing and some not bringing the required documents. Several applicants had to return without completing the registration as they were unaware of the specific papers needed for the e-Khata process.

A property owner complained about the time taken for the registration. "It has almost been an hour now and I am still waiting because they said that there is some problem with the server," he said.

LAND ROW

Devanahalli farmers seek cabinet debate

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FARMERS from Devanahalli taluk have started an indefinite 'Bhoomi Satyagraha' at Freedom Park on Sunday, demanding that the government include the Devanahalli land acquisition dispute as a special agenda in the state cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills on July 2.

Samyukta Horata Karnataka and the protesters demanded that the cabinet discuss the issue before Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's meeting with farmers on July 4.

The agitators claimed that the ground realities of this issue remain unclear to many ministers and legislators. Activists across the state are being urged to meet their local MLAs and ministers and convince them to take a pro-farmer stance.

To increase pressure on the government, a state-level conference -- Naada Ulisi (Save the Land/Country) -- will be held at Freedom Park on July 4. Over 10,000 people — farmers, workers, students and thinkers — are expected to attend the convention, with participation from national leaders, a Samyukta Horata Karnataka leader said.

Garbage black spot makeover fails, turns dumpyard again

BBMP had cleaned the garbage black spot, put up a green net and painted the walls at Chikka Gowdanapalya, but all measures failed to deter littering | EXPRESS

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

JUST months after a major clean-up drive turned a 200-metre garbage black spot in Chikka Gowdanapalya into a clean and green stretch, residents have once again begun dumping waste at the site. The makeover included painting walls, installing a green net to prevent dumping, and drawing rangoli to discourage littering, but it lasted just a few months.

Residents point out that irregular garbage collection forces them to throw waste by the roadside.

In March, over 100 volunteers from Youth for Parivarthan, with support from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML), cleaned up a heavily littered stretch near the Ganesha temple in Gowdanapalya, located between Kumaraswamy Layout and Padmanabhanagar. The cleanup was appreciated by many residents as it eliminated the foul smell and garbage lying near the road. However, the effect lasted only for about a month, before people slowly started dumping garbage again.

Manjunatha, who runs a bag store near the Ganesha temple, said residents alerted BBMP multiple times, requesting strict action against illegal dumping. "A few months ago, some youths painted the walls, but after a month, people started dumping garbage again at night. For a few days, a BBMP marshal was posted at the spot, but soon disappeared," he said. He also suggested that officials put up cautionary posters, warning of fines for illegal dumping. He added that people are forced to dump garbage because the garbage collection van comes only on alternate days. A factory owner has installed CCTV cameras but people are not afraid.

Another resident, Murthy, said Chikka Gowdanapalya is a congested area with narrow roads. "On this 200-metre stretch, only four roads connect to this stretch, but people from nearby areas come at night on scooters and throw their waste here," he said.

Murthy added that the garbage van sometimes collects on alternate days and sometimes regularly. "Residents are unable to store wet waste at home because of mosquito and rat problems, which forces them to dispose of it by the roadside. Sometimes, the van comes as early as 6am, and many people miss it. If the van comes regularly, people will stop throwing garbage here," he said. He also claimed that most of the waste is dumped by bachelors and students living in rented accommodations nearby.

A BSWML official said that despite awareness campaigns and a makeover, residents continue to dump waste. "The van is operating on schedule, but people still throw garbage irresponsibly," the official said.

EXPRESS READ

IIMB hosts second edition of SEED 2025 Symposium

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) hosted the two-day second edition of the Symposium on Evidence of Economic Development (SEED 2025) on Saturday and Sunday, featuring academic presentations on themes including gender, conflict, environment, credit, and governance. Researchers Tarun Jain from IIM Ahmedabad, Yathish Arya from Ashoka University, Moumita Roy from Ahmedabad University, and others presented findings featuring a blend of theory, field evidence, and policy evaluation. Presentations, included a study on how girls' interest in science is disproportionately affected by quantitative presentation in scientific evaluation among others. **ENS**

Bengaluru to host 3rd educators' meetup on July 13

Bengaluru: The third edition of the Educators' Meetup, which offers an agenda-free space for educators to connect, reflect, and collaborate, is set to take place on July 13. Unlike formal seminars or panel discussions, the meetup is designed as an open forum where teachers, school leaders, curriculum designers, facilitators, and education researchers engage in informal dialogue. "There are no planned talks, just organic conversations around shared experiences, policy challenges, school cultures, pedagogy, and innovations in the education sector," shared Kirti K, Organiser and co-founder of Vetaas Education Foundation, which is organising the meet. The event will be held from 10 am to 2 pm at Samagata Foundation on Church Street. Interested educators may write to kirti.vetaas@gmail.com or +91 89510 04160. **ENS**

NO ACTION ON BAD ROAD: RESIDENTS OFFER PUJA IN PROTEST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FED up with the pathetic condition of the road in their area, residents of Holiday Village Road planned a Gana Homa (fire ritual) at Sri Venkateshwara Temple on Sunday to highlight the road's poor condition. Since protests are restricted to Freedom Park, residents chose this symbolic route, but the event was blocked at the last minute, allegedly due to external pressure. However, they still conducted a puja on a smaller scale on Sunday.

"We had scheduled the homa for Sunday at Venkateshwara Temple on HV Road but we received a call two days ago from the priest saying that he received directions not to conduct the ritual in the temple," Manish Shukla, a resident, told TNIE, suspecting political pressure to stop the demonstration.

The residents said the road in question -- a 2.3-km stretch that is a vital connector to the main road, schools, colleges, and housing communities -- has been dug up multiple times for pipeline work but has never been restored properly. Whitetopping for the road was announced six months ago and has seen little progress due to inefficient contractors and inadequate monitoring.

Over 15,000 residents of HV Road have been demanding urgent action from civic authorities. Although the area was officially brought under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in 2021, it remains plagued by poor infrastructure and neglected maintenance, they alleged.

The residents have issued a public appeal demanding swift road restoration, transparent communication, contractor accountability, and the right to peaceful protests locally.

Residents of Holiday Village Road perform puja on Sunday hoping that their prayers for road restoration will be answered soon | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30TH June : Here's this week's first celestial fact: if the Sun were the size of a grain of sand, then the nearest star would be about three city blocks away. That's how empty space is! Actually, we now believe that space isn't that empty at all. Instead, it's full of mysterious stuff called dark matter, which we can't see, smell or measure. But we still believe it's there!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The fact that the Moon is in such a friendly relationship to your sign should surely help you give yourself a leg up today. Don't depend on others to carry out your requests, but don't subordinate yourself to their wishes, either. And don't be complacent!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
I'd like to take a quick look at a long-term cycle and point out that Mars, a most impetuous planet, is making this rather an extravagant time. If your costs haven't escalated already, they soon will! Your job is to make sure that it's all worth it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Let's check out Mercury, the planet responsible for your chatty ways. Right now you are being urged to do something practical with your ideas and, if you don't take that important step towards a new activity soon, you could become rather frustrated or resentful.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
I often think that yours is one of the most perfect signs of the zodiac, but so often your life seems to be full of struggles. Yet, looking at the long-term, it is now a simple matter to forecast increased prosperity and comfort - but only if you dodge the next few days' worth of emotional flying bombs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The weekly trend shows that you should now begin to bring financial plans to a conclusion. If you've been dreaming about a particular investment or bargain but have made no positive moves, get on with it. But more than that, you're heading for a fresh start in whatever area you choose.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Venus and Mercury are still closely related, encouraging everything that is most sociable and charming in your character. However, it now seems that unless you take the initiative, one possibility, perhaps a promised partnership, may slip from your grasp.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
This is now a special time of year. I cannot promise that the next four weeks will be easy but, even in small ways, they will be significant. In fact, in a strange sense, the more obstacles you meet, the greater your chances for success. The acorns which fall now will, as the saying goes, grow into mighty oaks as the years go by.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Strangely enough, contradictory planetary influences often make for the most productive periods. The fact that you are entering a secretive period, while still going through a sociable phase, is therefore likely to lead to some highly intriguing encounters over the next two or three weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Professional arrangements still seem to dominate the outlook. If you've been having one or two sleepless nights, something is definitely wrong. The underlying trend for all worldly ambitions is actually profoundly favourable. You just have to get through the next few days with your dreams and plans intact!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
As from now, you are entering an ambitious phase that will see professional types redoubling their efforts to get on and get ahead. There seems to be a chance coming up soon to play some sort of diplomatic role in your community. Just how and when is up to you and your sense of timing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You must soon be the lucky recipient of a windfall, although I don't think you're going to be showered by cash from heaven. It might be that money is not involved, but that you'll be swamped with affection. The source of the upcoming generosity should be someone who is well-known to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon elevates your thoughts today. It would be very nice if you could take some time off to be a vague, dreamy sensitive Piscean and avoid the traps set by those who wish to lure you into a dull and unsatisfying routine. Plus, if I were you, I'd steer clear of people who have nothing to do but cause trouble.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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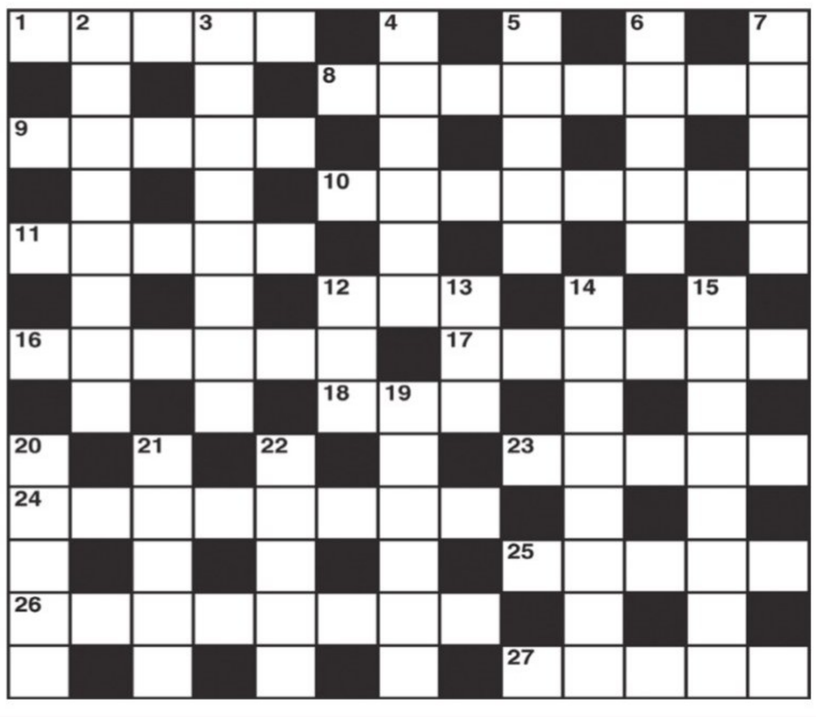

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 The way to acquire a German tankard (5)
8 Cook eggs to airmen's order (8)
9 An occupational contract is part of sale as expected (5)
10 It warrants attack but no cheating in it (4,4)
11 Broadcast concerning the non-professional (5)
12 Put a question like the capital of Kazakhstan? (3)
16 Jack and Bill meet us at the counter (6)
17 Sort of type inclined to impress (6)
18 It denotes a high degree of achievement (3)
23 Fireside game? (5)
24 A bit overdeveloped and not at all successful (8)
25 Navigator takes taxi to come back (5)
26 Arch supporter of comic policemen (8)
27 Have fun returning purchase (5)

DOWN
2 They reared up in classic race (3,5)
3 An example of how one golfer differs from another? (8)
4 Battles for what's left (6)
5 Company about to declare capital (5)
6 In a position to give a broad smile (5)
7 One who keeps people in stitches? (5)
12 A serpent when quiet (3)
13 Fool a youngster (3)
14 A base got destroyed by enemy action (8)
15 Tedious - but not enough to fatigue everyone (8)
19 Source of smoke in capital (6)
20 Targets set by famous Communist in speech (5)
21 Foreign capital coming from Kyoto (5)
22 Speak for the whole people (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Spoilsport, 6 Disc, 10 Vesta, 11 Radiation, 12 Free will, 13 Dodge, 15 Realign, 17 Slowest, 19 Antonym, 21 Cheapen, 22 Wrist, 24 Spectrum, 27 Recollect, 28 Rider, 29 Dire, 30 Archimedes.

Down: 1 Save, 2 Observant, 3 Leave, 4 Portion, 5 Riddles, 7 Iliad, 8 Concertina, 9 Handsome, 14 Dream world, 16 Innately, 18 Expounded, 20 Masseur, 21 Cheetah, 23 Incur, 25 Thrum, 26 Eros.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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RIANPS

I'm starving! We really worked up an appetite.
Tell me about it! Give me a big scoop!
AFTER A LONG DAY OF PLANTING SHRUBS, IT WAS DINNERTIME, AND THEY WERE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GOING BOXER BONNET FINALE
Answer: It took a long time to get the fish into the boat because it was a — "REEL" BIG ONE

Amruthahalli police arrested three people, including a minor, for the murder of a 33-year-old man over old rivalry. The incident took place near Akashvani Layout on June 23. The deceased is Mallapur Anjinappa, a shepherd from Akashvani layout, while the accused are Premkumar (18), his friend Darshan (20), and a 17-year-old boy. The accused allegedly attacked the victim with coconut shells, sticks and stones, before fleeing the scene. The minor was sent to a juvenile home

Woman's body in sack found dumped in BBMP garbage truck

Husband, the prime accused, absconding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE body of a woman aged around 30 years was found stuffed inside a sack bag in a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) garbage truck near the skating ground in Banashankari second stage that comes under Channammanakere Achukattu police station limits, in the early hours of Sunday.

The deceased is identified as Pushpa aka Asha, a resident of Hulimavu who was working as a housekeeping staff with a private firm. According to police, around 1.45 am, a local resident who had gone to dump garbage noticed a suspiciously shaped sack bag and alerted the police. A night-beat police team rushed to the spot.

After opening the bag, they found the body of a woman. Her hands and legs were tied, and although there were no major external injuries, there was bleeding from the nose and injury marks on her mouth.

As per the initial probe, Pushpa was married about two years ago and had frequent fights with her husband over domestic rows. Her husband is currently absconding and he is the prime suspect in the case, sources said.

A senior police officer added that the body has been sent for postmortem. Preliminary investigation suggests that the deceased may have been smothered and her body transported in a vehicle and dumped between 12.20 and 12.40 am. Police are analysing CCTV footage from the area. The truck in which the body was found is usually parked at the same spot every night, the officer said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Lokesh B Jagalasar said a case has been registered at the CK Achukattu police station.

PSI dies in hit & run during drug probe; 2 suspects escape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 39-year-old Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) from Thalaghattapura police station, who sustained injuries in an accident while he was taking two suspected drug peddlers for spot mahazar in Anekal on June 24 and was hospitalised, succumbed to injuries on Sunday.

The deceased is **Mehboob Guddalli** (39). Tulsidas, a head constable, was also injured in the incident.

According to the FIR registered at Surya City police station, on June 24 , PSI Guddalli received information about drug peddling. Acting on this, four suspects- Faraz, Vaseem (30), Azhar (4), and Ameer (24)- were taken into custody. Based on information provided by the suspects regarding the location of the hidden drugs, Ameer and Vaseem were hand cuffed and taken in a car belonging to a suspect, as there was no official vehicle was unavailable.

When PSI Guddalli, Tulsidas, and constable Sanna Jadiyappa were en route to Attibele, the left front tyre of the car came out near Yallammanagar, around 2.35 am.

Jadiyappa got down to find it. Guddalli, who was standing outside the vehicle, was hit by a truck from behind and sustained severe injuries.

Reportedly, the two suspects allegedly pushed Tulsidas and escaped. Jadiyappa returned shortly after and rushed Guddalli to a nearby hospital. Police are analysing CCTV footage to identify the vehicle involved.

Surya city police said a case has been registered against a unknown truck driver, Vaseem and Ameer under different sections of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act.

The bus that rammed a house near Tiptur on Sunday; The front tyre that burst (inset) | EXPRESS

32 INJURED AFTER KSRTC BUS RAMS HOUSE NEAR TIPTUR

Tumakuru: As many as 32 people, including 17 women and two children, sustained injuries when a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation bus rammed a house in Konehalli Siddapura near Tiptur on Sunday. The driver of the bus from Agumbe, bound for Mulabagilu lost control as the front tyre burst. The incident took place around 11 am. After hitting an electric pole and a coconut tree the bus rammed the house. The injured, including the driver and conductor, were shifted to government hospitals in Tiptur and Arasikere, and all declared out of danger. None of the inmates of the house were injured. The house is situated 100 metres away from Bengaluru-Honnavar NH-206 and belongs to Puttanna. **ENS**

BBMP reclaims 356-sqft stretch of encroached drain

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

BBMP'S Stormwater Drain (SWD) Department has demolished an unauthorised structure at a fuel station built on a piece of land said to be owned by a politician and reclaimed a 356-sqft stretch of drain on Basavanagar Main Road in KR Puram.

According to Srinivas, assistant engineer, SWD, KR Puram Sub-Division, the encroachment on the stretch of the drain that connects Vibhutipura Lake with Doddanekundi Lake has been cleared. However, landowner Manohar S, who had unsuccessfully contested as a JDS candidate from CV Raman Nagar Assembly constituency, termed the demolition drive selective and alleged that it had been done in his absence. Manohar has leased his land to an agency to run a fuel station. He said that he would approach a court of law against the BBMP's action.

Palike officials said that the drive was launched on February 25 on the land bearing survey No 161 at Vibhutipura village in KR Puram. Then, the landowners approached the Palike and gave an undertaking that they would remove the unauthorised structures on the drain.

"Of the 6,229 sqft of land, 356 sqft is part of the SWD network. If the encroached area is reclaimed, the roof of the fuel station on 6,229 sqft of land will get damaged. Hence, the landowners sought time. But when they did not clear the encroachment, we demolished it on June 17 and reclaimed 356 sqft of drain area," Srinivas said.

Dismissing Palike's claims, Manohar said that the matter is in the High Court. Even before the court verdict, BBMP personnel damaged the canopy of the fuel station. "I was not given any notice. It was issued to Samruddhi, an agency that runs the fuel station," Manohar said. Though many have encroached on the SWD, only he has been targeted by the Palike, he alleged.

Of the 6,229 sqft of land, 356 sqft is part of the SWD network. If the encroached area is reclaimed, the roof of the fuel station on 6,229 sqft of land will get damaged — Srinivas, assistant engineer, SWD

Poaching racket busted: 74kg deer meat seized

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Urban forest officers have busted a poaching racket, arrested one and seized the carcasses of four spotted deer, a wild boar, and 74 kg of deer meat. The accused allegedly killed nine deer and a wild boar for the illegal wildlife meat trade.

The officials said that based on a tip-off, a team led by the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) along with officers from the Kaggalipura range intercepted two cars near Nice Road Junction on Bannerghatta Road late Saturday night. While three suspects managed to flee, one accused, identified as Pratap, 31, was nabbed. The forest officers found and seized around 74 kg of deer meat and the skin of six spotted deer near CK Palya. Additionally, a double-barrel and a single-barrel rifle, along with 10 live rounds of ammunition, were also confiscated.

A special team has been formed to trace and arrest the three absconding suspects. Officials said they are yet to determine the forest area where the animals were killed, how long the gang has been active, and who else may be involved in the poaching network. A case has been registered under the Wildlife Protection Act.

AI's role in mental health grows, sparks expert concern

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS the usage of AI is expanding to address the concerns of mental health, stress and other related issues, the experts pointed out that there is a need to understand that how various tools are being used, the type of information it is disseminating.

Dr Prabha S Chandra, Professor and Head of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, said, the information has its positive and negative sides. She informed that patients are using AI as a convenient tool for them to seek solutions.

Experts said people are validating the use of AI as they are not comfortable sharing their personal details with strangers, they fear being judged. The age group which is using AI is between 18-25 years.

Conversation is essential to beat mental health issues. On one hand, it can reduce the load on therapists, but on the other, there is a need to understand and evaluate the process as in the long run, this will have adverse consequences, said ADBS coordinator and principal investigator, NIMHANS, Dr Sanjeev Jain.

Officials in the Karnataka health department said that AI was becoming a challenge for them to reach out to people in peri-urban and rural areas as people are using AI to seek solutions to their problems. "The solutions AI gives cannot be used for all, as one size does not fit all. The number of people approaching us is less," said a mental health expert working with the health department.

IISc, Centre for Brain Research experts said, "Use of AI is affecting the cognitive skills and brain development. Now people are already stressed because of their over-dependence on it."

Dr Ajit V Bhide, noted consultant psychiatrist and former president of the Indian Psychiatry Society said, it should never be recommended as the first choice, especially when seeking medication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client **Sri. Krishna .V** S/o Venkatachalaiah intended to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner by name Smt. O.S. Jayalakshmamma and others, Any Person are claiming any right, title, interest, with respect to schedule property may informed the under mentioned counsel with original document to pertaining to the property within 15 days, If any objection are not received, my client will go to purchase of the schedule property. Hence their Public Notice

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential house schedule property, Site bearing Municipal No.8/1, Khata Number 217, Khaneshumari Number 79 out of, Khaneshumari Number 224, Old Ward No.18, present ward No.101, PID No 18-58-8/1, measuring, East to West 27 feet and North to South 57 feet, totally 1539 Sq feet, Constructed Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor, Third Floor, mosaic flooring RCC Roof and all civic amenities situated at Bengaluru North Taluk, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Saneguruvanahalli Dakhale, Kamakshipalya Presently BBMP limit, Kamakshipalya, Karekallu, Bangalore- 560 079 and bounded on Follows: **East by:** Rangamma Property, **West by:** Hanumakka Property, **North by:** Boraiah Property, **South by:** Road, Site No.8/1.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt. SREEPRIYA RAJESH** is the absolute present owner of the property bearing Site No. 54, House List Katha No. 1065, situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru, and is in physical possession more fully described in the schedule hereunder.

My client represented that, on 10/05/2025 while traveling lost/misplaced the original Sale deed dated 26/12/1997 regd.as doc.No 9543/1997-98 Before the office of Sub registrar Banasawadi, Bengaluru pertaining to the schedule property. Hence my client had lodged a Online complaint intimating the loss of the said original sale deed on dated 10/05/2025, Any person or persons finding the original sale deed may please to handover the same either to the undersigned or so the owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said Sale deed should write the undersigned within 15 days of this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Converted Property bearing Site No.54 House List katha No.1065, formed out of Converted Sy.No.13/2, Vide Conversion Order No.BDS.ALN.SR(SA) 15/95-96 Dated 17-07-1995 situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, then Bangalore South Taluk Now Bangalore East Taluk, within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 55 Feet, North to South 90 Feet in all measuring 4950 Square Feet, and bounded on the **East by:** House Site no.55, **West by:** House Site no.53, **North by:** Road, **South by :** Joggers Boulevard Property

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PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **08-05-2025** by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was **returned by All.** Hence this.

No.1) Mr. R.C. Sonnegowda, S/o. Channappa, No.13, Doddaballapure Main Road, Near Suryodaya Vidya Mandira, Rajanukunte, Bangalore - 560064. No.2) Mr. K.J.Anitha, W/o. Sonnegonda, No.13, Doddaballapure Main Road, Near Suryodaya Vidya Mandira, Rajanukunte, Bangalore - 560064. No.3) Mrs. Ashwathamma, W/o. Channappa, No.13, Doddaballapure Main Road, Near Suryodaya Vidya Mandira, Rajanukunte, Bangalore - 560064. No.4) Mr. R. Channappa, S/o. Ramaiah, No.13, Doddaballapure Main Road, Near Suryodaya Vidya Mandira, Rajanukunte, Bangalore - 560064.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub : Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch in the name of Mr. R.C. Sonnegowda.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on **08-05-2025** calling upon Nos. 1 to 4 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020034067 is **Rs.25,77,073/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand and Seventy Three only)** as on **06-05-2025** with further interest for 512120020034067 at **14.60%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **07-05-2025** till the date of repayment. The Notice **sent to you by Registered Post have been returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos. 1 to 4 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020034067 is **Rs.25,77,073/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand and Seventy Three only)** with further interest for 512120020034067 at **14.60%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **07-05-2025** till the date of repayment within **60 days** from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/ issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. R. Channappa, S/o. Ramaiah)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.150200501200320006, Village Property Register No.216/205/16 (Site No.13, 982/839/7/1), Near Sarvodaya Vidya Mandir, Rajanukunte Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring : East to West - 23.17 Mts. and North to South - 20.80 mts. Total in all 296.57 Sq.mts. Boundaries : East by : Remaining portion of Same Property, West by : Remaining portion of Same Property, North by : Property of Sri L T Malayya, South by : Property of Late Sri Thimmarayappa.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-06-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,07,60,170/- (Rupees Three Crore Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Seventy only)** as on **25-05-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **26-05-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Aravind Infracon India Private Limited, No.1208, 2nd Floor, 41st Cross, 26th Main, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore - 560092. No.2) Mr. J.V. Krishna Reddy, S/o. Lakshmi Reddy Janke, No.502, SARVAJIT HEIGHTS Apartment, Gottigere, Bannerghata Road, Bangalore - 560083. No.3) Mrs. J. Padmaja Reddy, W/o. J.V. Krishna Reddy, No.502, SARVAJIT HEIGHTS Apartment, Gottigere, Bannerghata Road, Bangalore - 560083.**

Notes : 1) That our **236 - Bengaluru-J.P. Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090016369) dated **04-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Director for which No.2 of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,64,000/-** at a ROI of **13%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **31-03-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **25-05-2025** is **Rs.21,80,581/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty One only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **26-05-2025** till the date of realization.

2) That our **236 - Bengaluru-J.P. Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030005641) dated **29-10-2015** requested by No.3 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,50,000/-** at a ROI of **12%** outstanding balance as on **25-05-2025** is **Rs. 56,03,154/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Three Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Four only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **26-05-2025** till the date of realization No.3 of you had mortgaged Reg.MOD dated **29-10-2015.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. J. Padmaja Reddy, W/o. J.V. Krishna Reddy)
Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 121/1 present BBMP Khatha No.850/ 4464/1, 4444/21 duly converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)31/ 1997-98 dated 20-10-1997 and renewed Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR3/2006-07 dated 13-02-2017 V.P.Khatha No. 4444-49 & 4464-67 situated at Gottigere Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore measuring East to West 145 ft. and North to South in the Western side 64 ft. and Eastern side 65 ft. and bounded on : East by : Property in Sy. No. 122/1, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Property Nos. 20,15 & 3.

Schedule - B

All that residential flat bearing No. T1 in the terrace floor in the apartment building known as SARVAJIT HEIGHT having a super built up area of 2,800 Sq. ft. constructed on the Schedule A property and together with 900 Sq. ft. undivided Share, Right , Title and interest in the Schedule A property consisting of One living room, One dining hall, Three bed rooms, One meditation room, One Kitchen, Two toilets and bathrooms with all civic amenities like Water Sanitary Electricity with Lift and Common Power back Generator facilities along with right to use, Car Parking No.T 1 area at Basement Floor and other amenities in the Schedule A - property.

Reserve Price : Rs.72,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Two Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
21-07-2025	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - J.P. Nagar Branch, 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru J.P. Nagar Branch, 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-06-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

THE BHARAT CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Yelahanka Branch
No.981, A Sector, 12 A Main, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **22.01.2025** calling upon the borrower **1. Mrs. Rathnamma R** W/o. Muniyappa K, **2. Mr. Babu M** S/o. Muniyappa K, **Both are residing at** : No. 4, Rayasandra Village, Anneshwara Post, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural-562110. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 31,89,215/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Only)** as on **16.01.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of June of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd., Yelahanka Branch, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs. 31,89,215/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on **16.01.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.26-508-128, Katha No.1930/691/3700/5/3700/5, 4th Division, Manjunatha Layout, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli Town, Ward No.22, Bangalore and measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 26 Feet, consisting of Ground, I &II Floor and bounded by the following boundaries East : Purasabe Road, West : Property of Hariprasad, North: Vacant Site, South: Property of Rajamma.

Date : 24.06.2025 **Sd/- The Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public/Whomsoever it may concern that my client **Sri.Athaulla.C.** residing at: A R Layout, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District-562114.

Intend/Propose to purchase the schedule property belonging to Smt.Shahina Begum W/o Amjad Hussain, and Sri.Umar Sadik Hussain S/o Late Amjad Hussain, residing at: A R Layout, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District -562114.

They represent that they are the absolute owners and having clear and marketable title to the schedule property. Any Persons, Firm. Institution Including Financial Institution claiming to have any right/ title/interest /claims or enforceable right in the schedule property either as the owner or in any other manner of objection for such alienation may lodge their objections with documentary proof **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with owner referred above.

-: SCHEDULE PROPERTY: -

All that piece and parcel of the property situated on the REMAINING PORTION of the property bearing: Survey No. Old Survey No.175, and New Survey No.175/2 measuring an extent 2-25 (Two Acre Twenty Five Gunta) Situated at: Kattigenahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on :

East By : Stone,
West By : Road,
North By : Sallapurappa Site,
South By : Anwarsabi Site,

Ravi. D.R. Advocate
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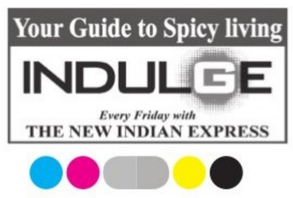

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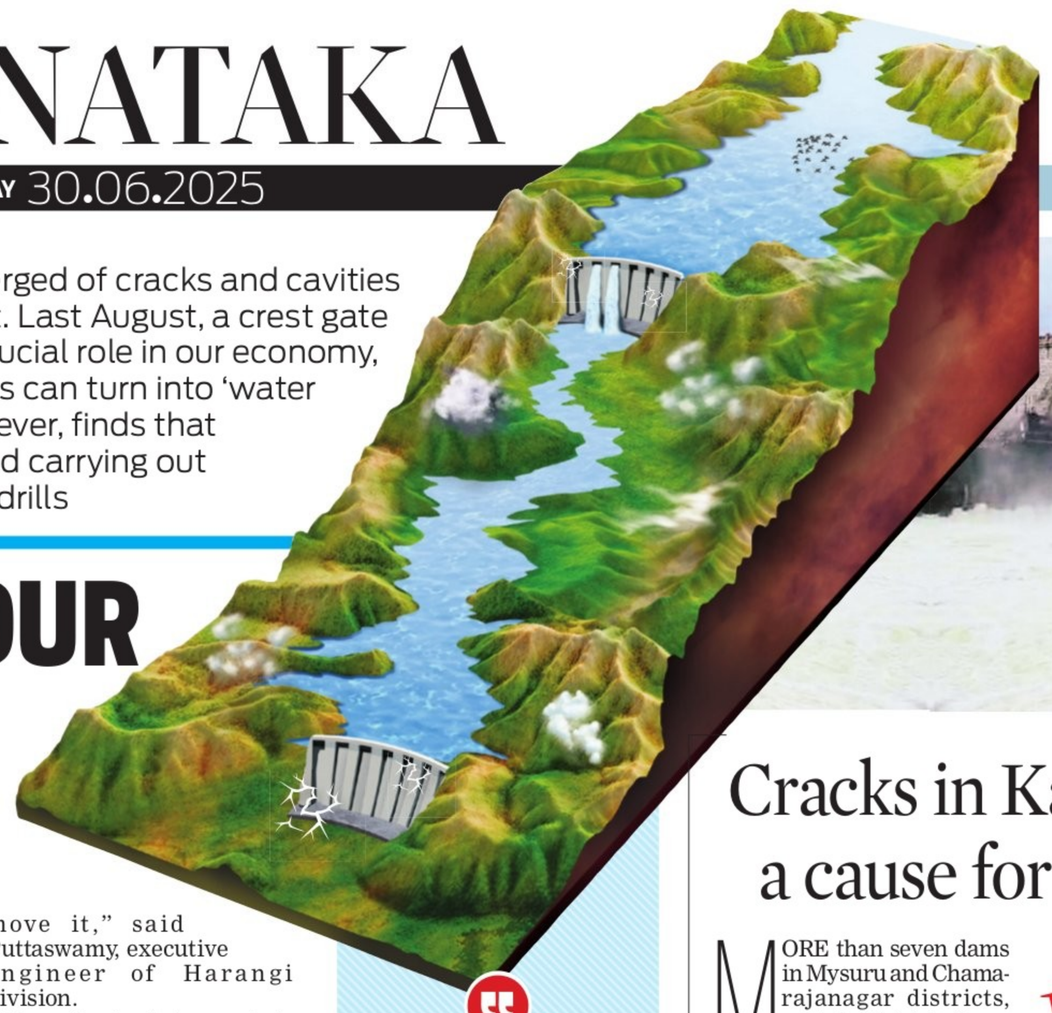
Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa hit out at LoP R Ashoka's comments that a new CM will open the Dasara festivities, stating that CM Siddaramaiah will indeed inaugurate the same this year. "Ashoka does not hold the authority to determine the fate of the chief minister as he is not part of the Congress high command," he said

Alarm bells rang out recently when reports emerged of cracks and cavities in the 50-year-old Kabini dam in Mysuru district. Last August, a crest gate of Tungabhadra dam collapsed. Dams play a crucial role in our economy, but if not maintained well, these huge structures can turn into 'water bombs'. A safety audit carried out by *TNIE*, however, finds that authorities are waking up to a scary scenario and carrying out regular inspections and updating maintenance drills

HOW SAFE ARE OUR DAMS?



Kabini Dam

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

DAMS play a pivotal role in Karnataka's economy, agriculture, water supply and generation of power. Given the state's dependence on variable monsoons and its vulnerability to frequent droughts, dams are essential for sustainable water resource management.

As an agrarian state, Karnataka relies heavily on irrigation, with nearly 60 to 70 per cent of its agriculture dependent on water from dams. With Karnataka being a leader in hydropower generation in South India, its dams contribute significantly to the state's renewable energy capacity.

But if not maintained well, dams can turn into 'water bombs', wiping out lives and an entire region. That's an extreme scenario but cracks, cavities and wear and tear over the years should make one conscious and cautious about that possibility. Alarm bells rang recently when reports of cracks and cavities emerged in 50-year-old Kabini dam in Mysuru district.

A crest gate of the Tungabhadra dam in Hospet collapsed last August. Experts have suggested replacement of all the 32 gates of this ageing dam.

The movement for clearance or decommissioning of unsafe dams has gained momentum, particularly in the west. According to experts, dams might collapse due to degeneration of the structural material and failure to resist earthquake impact.

The hydrological safety of dams is a concern. Heavy rain due to cloudburst or glacial lake outburst due to climate change can lead to a sudden surge in water level. In October 2023, the Teesta dam in Sikkim was destroyed in a flash flood.

According to Mohan V Katarki, a senior advocate at the Supreme Court and an expert in Transboundary Water Law, dam safety is the legal responsibility of the owner of the dam, whether government or a private body. The law of tortious liability is absolute and, therefore, the owner of the dam cannot even plead it was an 'act of god' if the dam breaks and causes damage to people's lives and properties downstream. Compensating lakhs of people will be unthinkable, says Katarki.

"Generally, dams in Karnataka are safe but continuous monitoring by experts and stakeholders is very important. The Dam Safety Act, 2021, enacted by Parliament is constitutionally doubtful since water is a state subject. Secondly, the Act does not give voice to stakeholders," adds Katarki.

Dam safety review panels at the state and Central level inspect dams every year to take stock of the situation. "A pre-monsoon and post-monsoon review of every dam in the state is being done under the guidance of the chief engineer of the Water Resources department. Based on reports of the review panel, a report is submitted to the Central Water Commission, which decides what works have to be taken up to repair damages in the dams," says D Basavaraj, chief engineer, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (KBJNL).

The Dam Safety Committee is monitoring damages in an attempt to initiate necessary repair works, according to sources. Water resources management experts say to ensure the dams' continued effectiveness, it is imperative to invest in proper maintenance, adopt sustainable water-sharing policies and modernise infrastructure.

Multiple concerns at Harangi dam

Constructed in the 1970s, Harangi dam in Kodagu district was designed to support farmers across the Cauvery basin, while also ensuring regulated water flow to the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam in Mandya district.

The dam is confronting several environmental and man-made challenges. In 2018, the dam was filled with approximately 1.2tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) inflow of silt. The sedimentation continues to affect the reservoir's storage capacity. Mismanagement of water release from the Harangi dam in 2018 was cited as a major contributing factor to devastating landslides in the Hattihole and Thanthipala regions. Currently, projects amounting to Rs 130 crore are under way to bolster the reservoir's resilience. Among these, Rs 50 crore has been allocated for the construction of a gabion wall intended to prevent further siltation. Additional measures include strengthening the catchment areas and initiating the long-overdue removal of the deposited silt.

"An estimated 1.2tmcft of silt has settled inside the reservoir. We are now taking steps to remove it," said Puttaswamy, executive engineer of Harangi division.

Unauthorised stone mining has been reported within a one-kilometre aerial radius of the reservoir at Gondhibasavanahalli. Large tracts of land have been deforested to facilitate private stone extraction operations, raising alarm over potential structural risks to the reservoir.

"No action has been taken against illegal mining. This not only threatens the ecological balance but also endangers the very safety of the reservoir," said Chandramohan, convener of the Cauvery Swachata Andolana. He also expressed concern over unregulated adventure tourism in the Harangi backwaters, where tourists reportedly enter the area without proper identity verification or safety measures.

As development efforts proceed, the dual challenge of ecological conservation and law enforcement remains essential to ensuring the sustainability and safety of the Harangi dam.

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Almatti equipped with hydraulic gate system

Almatti dam is equipped with a state-of-the-art hydraulic gate system that ensures round-the-clock safety and smooth operations, said D Basavaraj, chief engineer of KBJNL, who oversees the maintenance of the dam. "Unlike the Tungabhadra dam, which has a traditional chain system, Almatti dam is the first in the state to feature a hydraulic gate system," he said. The hydraulic gates are inspected twice a year and a check is carried out ahead of every monsoon.

A dedicated gate sub-division office, headed by an assistant executive engineer, oversees maintenance activities at Almatti. "The possibility of gate failure at Almatti is negligible. The construction of Almatti dam was completed in 1998, and the gates have been operational since 2002. Over the past 22 years, no issues have been reported," he said.

Minor upgrades needed at Hidkal dam

The Raja Lakhamagouda (Hidkal) dam has passed its annual third-party inspection, with only minor upgrades recommended, according to Mahaveer Gani, superintendent engineer of Hidkal dam. Gani said the dam undergoes annual structural and functional assessments by independent agencies. The latest inspection was completed a month ago.

Built to a height of 62.48 metres, Hidkal dam is equipped with 10 vertical crest gates that help regulate downstream water flow. These systems remain vital to managing the region's water resources, catering to both irrigation and drinking water needs for thousands across Belagavi and nearby districts.

Regular checks at Linganamakki dam

Shivamogga district has several dams, including Linganamakki, constructed across the Sharavathi, and others, including Bhadra and Tunga dams. Gerusoppa, Linganamakki, Mani and pick-up dams were constructed across the Sharavathi in Sagar and Hosanagar taluks.

HR Ramesh, Chief Engineer (Operations and Management), said, "Every year, we take up pre-monsoon and post-monsoon checks of all operations of the reservoir gates, both crest and radial. As of now, there are no issues pertaining to the operations of all crest and radial gates."

(With inputs from: K Shiva Kumar in Mysuru, Firoz Rozindar in Vijayapura, Tushar A Majukar in Belagavi, Prajna GR in Kodagu, Kiran Balannanavar in Hosapete, Ramachandra V Gunari in Shivamogga, Divya Cutinho in Mangaluru and Prakash Samaga in Udupi)

Cracks in Kabini dam a cause for concern

BIG PICTURE

MORE than seven dams in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, mainly Kabini, Taraka, Nugu, Suvarnavathi, Chikkahole, Gundal and Uduthorehal dam, which are more than 40 years old, need immediate attention for better maintenance and structural safety.

Experts rule out an immediate threat to the structure of Kabini dam. However, neglect or delay in filling up the cavity and cracks would weaken the reservoir structure, they caution.

Irrigation department officials noticed leakage and deployed robots and underwater cameras to record the status of the structure, to report to the expert committee and Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited authorities, with details that the cracks and cavities are more than 50-cm deep. The engineers could not take up work immediately because of high turbidity in the water and poor visibility to fill up the cracks.

The Dam Safety review team and Dam Safety panel, comprising former chairmen of the Central Water Commission, inspected the dams to study their status.

Due to incessant rain, Chikkahole dam brimmed over but there was no relief for farmers as poor maintenance of sluice gates resulted in wastage of water. The inability to operate or fully close the sluice gate has wasted about 6 cusecs of water every day.

The broken sluice gate of Taraka dam was replaced with a 25-tonne gate 19 years ago. If the government wants to utilise the allocated 284tmcft of water, it should replace all crest gates and strengthen the structure based on the expert committee report.

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited has approved Rs 32.35 crore for filling up cavities and cracks in the Kabini dam. It has presented a proposal of Rs 88 crore to the Centre to strengthen the dam structures.

Earlier, the authorities traced cavities and cracks in Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir, and leakage in sluice gates took priority to fill the cavities and replace all the gates in phases. However, plans to construct an amusement park at Brindavan Gardens have added to the worry of the stakeholders over the safety of the dam, which was constructed in 1932.

REPLACE TUNGABHADRA CREST GATES

Built over 70 years ago, Tungabhadra dam is showing signs of ageing. A team of experts led by senior hydro-mechanical engineer Kannaiah Naidu has identified several urgent repair and replacement needs.

After the collapse of crest gate 19 in August last year, the committee has recommended the replacement of all 32 crest gates of the dam. The replacement process has begun and is expected to be completed within 15 months.

After the gate failure last year, the dam lost nearly 40tmcft of water. Since then, the storage capacity has been restricted to 80tmcft, impacting drinking water supply in the region. The dam has received heavy inflows over the past two weeks due to significant rainfall in the catchment areas. According to the CWC and expert team, maintaining water storage level at 80tmcft this year will be sufficient to meet agricultural and drinking water needs.

Tungabhadra Dam

Mani Dam

Safe and sound in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi

ACCORDING to district authorities the newly constructed dams in Dakshina Kannada are structurally sound and pose no safety risks at present.

"We undertake regular maintenance works ahead of the monsoon. Thumbe vented dam, being a newly built structure, has so far not exhibited any signs of cracks or damage. We have written to a Bengaluru-based government-affiliated firm to conduct a safety inspection of the dam," said an executive engineer from Mangaluru City Corporation. The official said a retaining wall has been constructed across the dam, and stop-log gates installed as a contingency in the event of any failure in the main gates.

Similarly, the AMR Dam, under the Mangalore Special Economic Zone (MSEZ), with a storage capacity of 12.5 million cubic metres at 18.9 metres, has been declared structurally safe by the authorities.

The Harekala dam, which falls under the jurisdiction of the irrigation department and was built only a few years ago, also poses no safety concerns, according to officials.

Other key structures such as the Jakribettu bridge-cum-barrage in Bantwal and Saralikatte dam downstream of Uppinangady, across the Nethravati, are maintained on a quarterly basis to ensure structural integrity.

"There are 471 major and minor vented dams across Dakshina Kannada. We have received no reports of damage to any of these dams due to sand mining," said an executive engineer of the district irrigation department.

Mani dam in good condition

Mani dam, built across the Varahi in 1989 and maintained by Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL), remains in good condition with maintenance systems and adequate budgetary support, according to a KPCL official.

DKS will be CM, that is revolution: Cong MLA

ENS @ Bengaluru

RAMANAGARA Congress MLA Iqbal Hussain on Sunday said DCM **DK Shivakumar** will become CM replacing Siddaramaiah, as per an agreement that was struck at the high command level soon after the party came to power in the state.

"When the decision was taken in New Delhi that day, Shivakumar and I were together. Then, senior leader Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge decided about leadership change after Siddaramaiah completes two-and-a-half years in office," Hussain said in Ramanagara.

He hit back at Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra for commenting on Sunday that the high command has not instructed about any change in leadership.

Mocking at Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna's statement that there would be a political revolution in the state after September, he said, "Change is natural in politics. Those who deserve will get power as discipline and commitment pay in Congress. There are no power centres in the government and the high command treats all classes and religions equally," he said.

"They (Siddaramaiah camp) are asking for change and it will happen. Everyone knows who fought and worked hard for the party," he said, referring to Shivakumar's organisational skills. He likened Shivakumar-led Mekedatu Yatra to Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"We don't believe in any speculation as the high command will give Shivakumar the opportunity at the right time. Everything will be decided in the next two to three months," said Hussain.

Banu Mushtaq to be president of Kannada Sahitya Sammelana

BALLARI: The Kannada Sahitya Parishat on Sunday announced that Booker Prize winner **Banu Mushtaq** will be the president of the 88th All-India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana that will be held in Ballari in December. Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi and all its members backed the idea of Banu presiding over the sammelana. She will be the first woman Muslim writer to be the president of Sammelana. The sammelana is coming back to Ballari after 68 years. The first event was held in 1958 that was presided over by VK Gokak. Banu Mushtaq told TNIE, "I am happy with this honour. The Parishat president told me about their decision." Mahesh Joshi said, "I believe knowledge has more power than any religion. Banu Mushtaq's achievements are an inspiration to others." **ENS**

Surjewala will meet Cong MLAs individually: DKS

BENGALURU: AICC General Secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala will meet Congress MLAs individually during his visit to Bengaluru, said DCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday. "Surjewala has already informed MLAs about it. I will also send out messages to MLAs," he said. Shivakumar said the state government will reply to the notice issued by the Karnataka High Court on holding Cauvery Aarti. No one is objecting to the puja, he added. The HC issued the notice to the state government on Friday on a petition challenging the decision to hold Cauvery Aarti near the KRS reservoir, citing environmental concerns. Shivakumar said, "Certain sections have some concerns and the government will address them. Puja as a practice has been going on every day." **ENS**

Nikhil launches campaign to revive JDS, reclaim bastion Mandya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AMID cheers, bike rallies and showers of rose petals from a JCB, JDS Youth President **Nikhil Kumaraswamy** launched a spirited campaign to revive the Janata Dal Secular in its once-unshakable stronghold of Mandya. The grand welcome, with a massive bike rally from Nidaghatta through Shivapura, TB Circle and CA Kere Gate, was both spectacle and strategy. At TB Circle, Nikhil was honoured with a giant pineapple garland, followed by a huge floral wreath at Dodda Rasina Kere. The high point came when a JCB showered him with petals, symbolising the hope placed in his leadership by JDS loyalists.

But behind the dramatic scenes lies a political reality: JDS now holds just one MLA seat in Mandya, a district it once entirely dominated. With six MLAs, including Darshan Puttannaiah of Melukote now backing the Congress, Nikhil's rally was a call to reclaim lost ground.

Speaking in Maddur, Nikhil took aim at Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy, accusing him and the Congress of abandoning Mandya's farmers. He defended his father HD Kumaraswamy's record as Union minister, highlighting efforts to secure support price for tobacco, solve mango growers' issues and push for the procurement of 2.5 lakh tonnes of mangoes.

Nikhil also backed his father's return as chief minister, stating, "Kumaranna must lead Karnataka for a full five years. His short tenure won hearts across communities." He linked HDK's national role to Prime Minister Modi's economic vision, saying, "India is 5th globally. Kumaranna is backing the push to reach No. 3."

Reflecting on his own setbacks, Nikhil said, "Three election losses have only made me stronger." He urged workers to "make Maddur the No. 1 JDS booth unit", stressing that the 2028 comeback must be built on unity, hard work and grassroots strength. Political observers said JDS must move beyond nostalgia and adopt sharp strategies to counter both Congress consolidation and BJP expansion, if it truly hopes to return to power.

> **Kumaranna (HD Kumaraswamy) must lead Karnataka for a full five years. His short tenure won hearts across communities**
> – Nikhil Kumaraswamy, JDS Youth President

A tribal youth, who went to a reserve forest area of Karamadai forest range in Coimbatore district for hunting hare along with two others on Saturday, was found dead with bullet injuries on Sunday. The body was shifted to the government hospital for autopsy

NO TALKS WITH THOSE WHO HAVE ARMS IN THEIR HANDS: SHAH

He urges Maoists to surrender, join mainstream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

REITERATING that the Union government was committed to ending Naxalism by March 31, 2026, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday urged Maoists to surrender and join the mainstream. He categorically stated that the Centre would not hold talks with those who continue to bear arms.

"Our policy is no talks with those who have arms in their hands. Give up arms and surrender. If you do not surrender, we have decided to end Naxalism by March 31, 2026. Should we not end the Naxalites who have killed adivasis and police personnel?" Shah said.

Speaking at "Kisan Sammelan", after inaugurating the National Turmeric Board headquarters in Nizamabad, he said that while he "feared that the Congress might provide shelter to Maoists, there was no cause for concern as the Narendra Modi government was in power at the Centre".

"Congress is asking for talks with Maoists. Our government's policy is clear — no talks with those who hold weapons. Surrender and join the mainstream," he said.

Shah noted that in the North East, 10,000 individuals had surrendered and joined the mainstream, with some contesting elections at district and Assembly levels. "In the last one and a half years, around 2,000 Maoists surrendered," he added. "From Telangana's soil, I want to ask those who speak of protecting Naxals: what answer will you give to the families of police personnel and adivasis who lost their lives in violence? Naxals have obstructed development in adivasi areas for decades. What is your answer?" he said.

LS MP RECEIVES SECOND THREAT CALL FROM 'MAOISTS'

Sangareddy: Lok Sabha MP M Raghunandan Rao received a threatening phone call on Sunday, allegedly from Maoists, warning of a plot to kill him. This is the second such call he has received, the earlier one coming on June 23. The callers, claiming to be Maoists, warned that five teams had been dispatched on the instructions of the Andhra Pradesh committee of the banned outfit and that he would be killed by evening.

Puri stampede: 2 cops suspended, 2 officials transferred

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

CHIEF Minister Mohan Charan Majhi offered a personal apology and sought forgiveness from devotees for the tragic loss of lives outside the Gundicha temple due to to the stampede in the wee hours on Sunday.

He ordered an administrative probe into the incident while transferring Puri district collector Siddharth Shankar Swain and SP Vinit Agrawal, and placing two SP-rank officers DCP Bishnu Pati and Commandant Ajay Padhi are under suspension for the lapses. The administrative inquiry will be conducted by the development Commissioner Anu Garg.

Stating that such negligence, which led to the incident, was unpardonable, Majhi said necessary steps will be taken by the government to ensure strict exemplary action against those found responsible. "I have ordered a probe, and necessary steps will be taken to ensure strict and exemplary action against those found responsible," he said.

Expressing grief Majhi further said, "During the sacred gathering at Sharadhabali to get a glimpse of Lord Jagannath, an unfortunate incident occurred arising out of the overwhelming crowd and intense devotion. I, personally and on behalf of my government, extend heartfelt apology to all Jagannath devotees." He announced a compensation of Rs 25 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased persons.

Family members of a victim of the Puri stampede mourn on Sunday | PTI

KIN OF DECEASED BLAME ADMIN APATHY, POOR CROWD CONTROL

The grief-stricken family members of the deceased and other devotees attributed the Saradhabali stampede to administrative negligence, inadequate crowd control measures and lack of police presence. The incident took place on Sunday when thousands of devotees had gathered near the Gundicha Temple to catch a glimpse of the Trinity on their chariots. "Mismanagement was clearly evident at the site and I lost my wife only because of the failure of the administration in managing the crowd," alleged Dillip Kumar Sahu from Gobardhanpur area of Bolagarh in Khurda, whose wife Basanti Kumari Sahu (42) was one of those killed in the stampede. An elderly woman who also lost her daughter to the stampede, claimed there were no police at the site when they were pushed by the crowd. Recounting the horror, Swadhin Kumar Panda, a local resident, said there were several gaps in crowd management which resulted in the stampede. He alleged that a new passage was made for the VIPs at the existing place of exit and common people were asked to move out from a distance.

ZUMBA SHOWDOWN

Children perform Zumba in front of the Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday, in a protest against various groups that are opposed to the exercise form introduced in schools | BP DEEPU

'Wildlife victims yet to get relief'

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SOURCES said that Shivanna had surrendered before the police claiming that it was he who killed the tigers. But the police refused to arrest him as they had strong evidence to prove the involvement of Madaraja, the sources added. Villagers said that far too many cattle heads have been lost in the recent past and they had suspected the involvement of leopards behind the killings. But they were shocked to learn that tigers had hunted down the cow.

The villagers said they are angry as the forest department has not paid compensation to the families of those killed by the wildlife in recent months. Muni was trampled to death by an elephant, while those injured have not been compensated. No forest officials visited the villages after cows were killed by big cats, they added.

PES University felicitates DCET toppers

Bengaluru: PES University hosted a programme to felicitate its toppers and inaugurate the first-year diploma classes on Sunday. The event was inaugurated by Chancellor Professor Jawahar Doreswamy and presided over by Vice-Chancellor Dr J Surya Prasad. Prof Doreswamy said education should go beyond information to become a blend of knowledge and wisdom. Prasad praised the achievements of PES Polytechnic students, who secured top ranks in the DCET 2025, including second and seventh ranks at the state level. During the ceremony, the Prof MRD Merit Scholarship was awarded to 64 students from the first, second, and third years of the polytechnic. Prof MV Sathyanarayana, Director of PES HN Campus, and Prof Devaraju H N, principal of PES Polytechnic, were present.

Bike taxi riders launch hunger strike across K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA bike taxi riders have launched a state-wide hunger strike in cities including Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Davanagere and Ramanagara, demanding an immediate withdrawal of the government's ban on bike taxis.

While riders from Bengaluru gathered at Freedom Park, thousands of their compatriots and their families in other cities said the ban has left them jobless and desperate.

"This is how we pay our kids' school fees, take care of our parents, and put food on the table," one rider said, adding, "Without this, we have nothing." With no other employment options and rapidly depleting savings, many riders said they are being pushed to the brink.

The protesters, many of whom rely solely on this work to support their families, have raised concerns about what they call a "double standard" in enforcement. While food and parcel deliveries using two-wheelers are permitted, the same vehicles used to transport passengers are penalised. "We're not asking for special treatment," another rider explained. "We just want to be treated fairly. We just want to work."

In addition to the hunger strike, riders have submitted letters to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, urging them to involve stakeholders in formulating a fair and inclusive policy.

As the hunger strike continues, the riders have made one final plea. "Don't take away our bikes. Don't take away our dignity. Don't take away the only way we have to survive." Until their voices are heard and action is taken, the protests will go on, they added.

Bike taxis have long filled a critical gap in urban and semi-urban transport-offering fast, affordable and convenient last-mile connectivity. They argued that banning bike taxis not only affects their livelihood but also hurts lakhs of commuters who depend on these services, especially women, students, and low-income workers.

EXPRESS READ

Woman, partner arrested for murder of 2 babies

Thrissur: Kerala police on Sunday arrested a 25-year-old man and his partner in connection with the murder of their two babies over the past four years in Thrissur. The arrests followed a dramatic turn of events on Saturday night when Bhavin, walked into the Puthukkad police station carrying a bag containing skeletal remains, reportedly of two infants. According to police, Bhavin told the officers that his girlfriend, Aneesha, 23, had killed their babies. Aneesha reportedly confessed to murdering their second child.

'PM's mention will help poor women'

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NINGAMMA said they were all housewives earlier, but have now become entrepreneurs because of the help extended by the district administration, which provided them with loans to purchase rotti-making machines through the society. The society is also buying back the rottis they make, she added.

Ningamma also remembered the article published by *The New Indian Express* in its June 1 edition and she felt it helped increase the recognition for Kalaburagi rotti. Sharanamma, who runs the Maata Mallamma Rotti Kendra at Chittapur, said she was thrilled that the Prime Minister mentioned Kalaburagi rottis. "This is an honour. This will definitely help poor women of the district," she said.

Members of a women self-help group prepare rottis

Both Ningamma and Sharanamma thanked *The New Indian Express*. They said the article created much awareness about their product and effort.

Talking to *TNIE* then, Society president Sharanu R Patil had said the Income Tax Department in Bengaluru had come forward to provide a 10x10 sqft space to the society to open an outlet on its office premises. If that materialises, Bengaluru will have a second franchise of Kalaburagi rotti, he said.

Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum said the PM's mention of the rottis has increased the responsibility of the district administration. "This will help women in Kalaburagi district increase their income. We will widen the network of women self-help groups and improve the market wherever possible," she added.

Agriculture Department Joint Director Samad Patel hoped that the Mann ki Baat mention would boost the production of jowar in Kalaburagi district.

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2	2025_KMML_771214_1	For the supply of Pipe Inconnel 600 Seamless
3	2025_KMML_771331_1	For the supply of FRP Bisphenol pipe and fittings
4	2025_KMML_771874_1	For the supply of 310 MR of Pipe SS304 Seamless schedule 80 size 50mm NB
5	2025_KMML_772254_1	For the supply of Class I Brick Acid Resistant
6	2025_KMML_771855_1	For fabrication & supply of Radiant Coil Assembly
7	2025_KMML_772035_1	For fabrication & supply of Tickle Condenser E207A
8	2025_KMML_772013_1	For fabrication & supply of Condensing Column Cooler E204-205

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1), (For immovable Property)

Whereas:The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, **Ulsoor Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **12.03.2025** calling upon the **Borrower**: **1 Mr Somesekhar B V, 2. Mrs Nayana N. Both are residing at:** Khata No 240 Near Sri Ayurvedic Hospital, kanakpura main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli VTC: O.B Chudahalli Bangalore south Banglaore-560082. repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **60,20,549.32** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs twenty thousand five hundred forty-nine and paise thirty-Two Only) and interest/Charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **24th day of June 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, **Ulsoor Road Branch** for an amount of **60,20,549.32** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs twenty thousand five hundred forty-nine and paise thirty-Two Only) and interest/ Charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

EMD of all that piece and parcel of the residential land and Building Site no 25,Khata no 240, Assessment No 57/1, 57/2,57/3,58/5 and 58/7 situated at O B choodahalli Village, Uttadahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to west 40 feet and North to south 30 ft totally measuring 1200 sq feet and bounded by : East by:Property No Site No 81/1,West by: Road, North by:Remaining Northern portion of same property of Sri A Mahesh,South by : Road.

Date: 24.06.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

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West of Chord Road Branch,
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(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ONLY)

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The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.4,46,951.63** + interest and other charges thereon (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One and Sixty Three Paise Only + interest and other charges thereon).

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No. 428, BBMP New Municipal No. 428, PID No. 20-37-428, 5th Main, 6th Phase, 1st Stage, Mahaganapathi Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010 having land area 600 sq.ft. and bounded on as follows : East by : Site No.427,West by : Site No. 428/A, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 432.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 24.06.2025

Sd- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
West of Chord Road Branch

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Bengaluru 560 300
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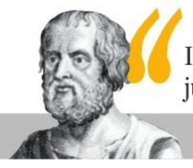

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— Ramnath Goenka

MUST FIND INTERNAL RESET FOR PAKISTAN BOTHER AT THE SCO

IF a multilateral grouping that runs by consensus fails to find common ground, consequences follow. That is why the recent Defence Ministers' meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Qingdao, China, did not issue a joint outcome statement. India had sought explicit mention of terrorism in the document, especially cross-border terror, including a reference to the April Pahalgam terror attack, where tourists were killed after religious profiling. However, "one member country", Pakistan, refused to yield. It instead sought to insert a paragraph on disturbances in Balochistan to needle India. And China, in its capacity as SCO chair, made little effort to sort out the matter. Since it was unacceptable that a bloc founded with the primary purpose of combating terrorism omitted a reference to it, visiting Defence Minister Rajnath Singh refused to sign the outcome document. "When the main purpose of the organisation is to fight terrorism, and you are not allowing a reference to that, the outcome loses meaning," external affairs minister S Jaishankar later said. The SCO Charter adopted in 2002—a year after China, Russia, and four Central Asian countries floated it—had resolved to make "mutual intraregional efforts to curb terrorism, separatism and extremism". In 2017, India and Pakistan joined the grouping.

India needs to assess why it lacks clout in the 10-member grouping that China dominates, though its relationship with the latter is on the mend. Beijing's cliche of a dance between the dragon and the elephant apart, China's tango with its client state Pakistan is the most visible at the moment. Evolving consensus when the aggressor and the victim of terror have an equal say is tough if the latter does not have a strong counterweight. It is not without reason that India excluded SCO member states from the global outreach programme by multi-party delegations of parliament to explain its post-Pahalgam strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and the refusal to give in to nuclear blackmail.

India needs a balm for the Pakistan headache. It must engage with SCO but with calibrated expectations. While exposing the double standards of those who deny cross-border terror, India must also invest more in deterrence and diplomatic assertiveness. The message should go out that multilateral organisations not calling out all variants of terror disrespect their fundamental objectives.

HC ORDER ON KHULA IN TUNE WITH TIMES

A judgement of the Telangana High Court this month that upheld Muslim women's right to invoke khula, the process for a woman to obtain divorce under Islamic law, will go a long way in their fight for justice. The court held that a Muslim wife has an absolute and unconditional right to dissolve her marriage through khula and that the husband's consent is not a prerequisite for its validity. The bench was hearing an appeal by a Muslim man who contested the divorce his wife initiated though he refused consent to a khula. The verdict also stated the clerics have no role in effecting khula and that religious bodies cannot issue valid divorce certificates. The judgement stated that only the courts can grant divorce after ascertaining if the khula is valid. However, the husband has the right to challenge the verdict.

The Kerala High Court pronounced a similar judgement in 2022, declaring that unilateral divorce "is an absolute right, conferred on her by the Koran and is not subject to the acceptance or the will of her husband". The judgement had placed khula on equal footing with talaq, the unilateral right available to Muslim men to dissolve a marriage, stating that both are unconditional modes of divorce.

Divergent opinions exist regarding khula, with some Muslim scholars asserting that khula cannot happen without the husband's consent. A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the Kerala High Court order. The All-India Muslim Personal Law Board argues that khula is dependent on both husband and wife agreeing to end the marriage after a woman initiates the proposal. The court, however, has observed that neither the Quran nor the Hadith prescribes a mandatory procedure if the husband rejects the wife's demand for khula, thereby making any insistence on his consent both theologically and legally untenable.

The Telangana High Court's verdict emphasises the supremacy of civil courts in matters of personal law. It contributes to the current debate on balancing religious freedoms and the rule of law by asserting that the judiciary is the ultimate arbiter on issues related to the legal status of individuals while upholding the religious character of divorce. It clears the path for resolving long-pending khula cases awaiting trials due to the husbands' refusal to consent to divorce.

QUICK TAKE

MOTHER AND WORKER DUALITY

BOOSTING women's workplace rights, the SC recently ruled that maternity benefits are not just statutory entitlements but a core aspect of women's reproductive rights and fundamental rights. Importantly, it stated that a pregnant woman is entitled to maternity leave, even if rules limit it to women with only two children. The clarifying order recognises women's double role as mothers and workers. Constitutionally protecting maternity benefits stops women's biological roles from being used against them in the workplace. It warns private employers that non-compliance is a constitutional violation, not merely a labour law breach. The challenge is extending the right to the vast majority of women outside the formal sector.

The inquiry was conducted behind the judge's back; no right to cross-examination was afforded, nor was he given a personal hearing when sought. The report did not address the judge's submissions

MORE QUESTIONS ARE RAISED THAN ANSWERED

KAPIL SIBAL
Senior lawyer and member of Rajya Sabha

SOURAV ROY

ON the night of March 14, 2025, remnants of burnt currency were found—for which a video is available—in the outhouse of the premises allotted to Justice Yashwant Varma, then a judge of the Delhi High Court.

This revelation raises serious questions which need to be answered. What was the quantum of currency that was found? Why was the currency not seized? Why was a *panchnama* not prepared by the Delhi Police present at the spot? Why was the outhouse not cordoned off to ensure that the scene of the incident was protected or secured? Why was the currency not preserved for inquiry and investigation? Why was an FIR not registered against unknown persons? To all these questions, the In-House Committee ("Committee") set up by the then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court provides no answers; they are otherwise unavailable.

For all these questions, the Committee says that these were not within its remit. In the absence of any explanation for why the police acted as they did, the Committee concluded that since the currency was found in the outhouse of the judge's residence, it must have been placed there with the judge's tacit or active consent.

The Committee consisted of two sitting Chief Justices and one judge of the High Court. It found no more than what was already available in the public domain in the form of videos recorded by the fire services department. Justice Varma had categorically stated that the currency did not belong to him and that he was not aware of who had placed it in the outhouse. The mainstream media has quoted various amounts of currency, ranging from ₹15 crore and beyond, in large bundles, which were found in the outhouse. The currency in the alleged quantum could not have entered the premises without the knowledge of the CRPF personnel stationed at his residence. Managing to cart large quantities of currency and placing it in the outhouse would necessarily have entailed the active involvement of several persons. No evidence to that effect was before the Committee, nor has it been alleged by anyone to date.

In fact, the issue became far more serious when it was revealed that a CCTV camera was placed in a security room at the entrance, constantly monitoring ingress into the premises. This CCTV apparatus was controlled by the security personnel and not by the family. When the CCTV camera was seized, the FSL report revealed that the hard disk was blank. This constitutes a major security lapse, as it is the State's responsibility to protect the judge.

This again raises several vital questions. When did the CCTV camera stop working? Did the security personnel make any complaint in that regard? No answers are available. The Committee never investigated why such footage could not be retrieved. The person who placed the currency must have been aware that the CCTV equipment was not functioning. Surprisingly, the Committee blames the judge for not seizing and preserving the CCTV footage, assuming he knew and had control of the functioning of the CCTV. What authority did he have to seize the footage when it was never in his custody and control?

The Committee proceeds on the assumption and concludes that the keys of the outhouse were under the tacit or active control of the family, even though there was ample evidence that the keys were in the possession of the staff and not the family, as reflected in a paragraph of the Committee's report. Part of the paragraph reads as follows: "50. What has further come on record in the shape of statements of witnesses No. 31, 32, 34, 35, 40, 46 and 47 is that the storeroom was occasionally locked, and the key to the lock was accessible to all of the residents of 30 Tughlak Crescent, New Delhi including the security staff and the personal staff of Justice Yashwant Varma…"

This evidence was rejected, and contrary evidence was accepted without investigation, with a finding that the outhouse was under the tacit or active control of the family. What "tacit or active control" means is not clear.

The Committee placed the burden on the judge to provide evidence as to whom the currency belonged to. The burden of proof would only shift when a person is found in illegal possession of a substance prohibited by law. Admittedly, the judge was not in possession of the alleged currency.

The inquiry was conducted behind the judge's back; no right to cross-examination was afforded, nor was he given a personal hearing when he demanded it from the Committee. The Committee had already started writing the report on April 27, 2025. The judge's submissions made on April 30, 2025, were not addressed in the report.

The Committee further finds that the judge's conduct in not going to the outhouse upon his return from Madhya Pradesh on the evening of March 15 and not protesting his transfer to the Allahabad High Court was unnatural and indicative of his guilt. What is intriguing is why the family was not informed that currency was discovered in the outhouse, either by the fire services personnel or the Delhi police. In fact, the judge came to know about it only on March 17, when the video was shown to him.

There is also no direct or circumstantial evidence of the removal of the remnants of burnt currency from the premises after the fire services personnel and the police left the premises on the morning of March 15 at 2 am. However, the CRPF personnel remained on-site thereafter, yet none reported seeing staff remove currency. The Committee's conclusions raised more questions than they answered. Such a flawed report must not be the basis of an impeachment motion without a thorough investigation.

I hope that the political parties stand up to an obvious endeavour by this government to decimate what is left of the independence of the Judiciary.

(Views are personal)
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THE SILENCE THAT GREW LOUD IN ME

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

ONCE on a flight from somewhere to Delhi, I sat comfortably in my usual aisle seat, having long outgrown the youthful urge to sit by the window. The window seat, I had grown to realise, was strategically a bad move. This time, the middle seat beside me was empty, and I closed my eyes in relief. I looked forward to some elbow room and no threat of a possibly smelly, uncouth passenger beside me for the next two-and-a-half hours, an all-too-common occurrence nowadays.

An argument two rows ahead made me open my eyes. A rough, unkempt man was having loud words with the air hostess about a seating mix-up. She looked at the empty seat next to mine, clearly intending to send the man there. I froze in horror. Meeting her eyes, I rolled mine and gave the faintest shake of my head. Her lips twitched slightly, and she led him away to an empty seat elsewhere. When she passed by me before take-off, I discreetly murmured, 'Thank you'. She smiled, shaking her head, as if to say, "No problem". The wonderful yet sad thing about this encounter was the instant understanding that silently passed between two Indian women, even across generations, that some men were best avoided.

For years now, especially as I grew older, my strongest feeling about the harassment that I faced—that every Indian girl and woman has faced—has been regret. Regret that I had felt so sullied by the words or deeds of 'eve-teasers' that I usually pretended that nothing had happened. This was the wrong thing to do, I realised because it only gave them the guts to harass more girls and women. My silence during those times was utterly wrong. I now feel that I let other girls down by not shouting out loud every time I was harassed by the boys, men and *unclejis* of Delhi, calling them out at once and publicly shaming them.

The Greek word for repentance, 'metanoia', means to change one's mind and direction. It is described as 'implying a fundamental shift in perspective and attitude towards sin and God'. Good poetry expresses our feelings when we are glad, sad or sorry, and the *Bible* is a rich source of great poetry. The words attributed to King David come to mind, though uttered in a different context: 'Then David said to God, "I have sinned greatly by doing this. Now, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.'" (1 Chronicles 21:8).

To stay silent, I feel, was cowardly and also a sin, the sin of not speaking up against wrongdoing. It fell on the wrong side of personal dharma. As 2 Corinthians 7:10 says, 'For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret.' Matthew 3:8 says, 'Do the things that show you really have changed your hearts and lives.'

PEXELS

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And it's hard not to think of this: 'So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin' (James 4:17). But also, this verse: 'For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.' (John 3:20). Each one of us can and must do what we can to make things better. I would like to be able to use these words at journey's end: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (Timothy 4:7).

It would be sad to have to think, instead, of King Solomon's moving words of regret. Here, I must leave the modern versions of the *Bible* and return to the one I grew up with, the King James Version: "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:11).

The goal of peaceful co-existence is stated in the Book of Isaiah, which scholars say had three authors: "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

For moral and spiritual encouragement on why we must school our minds to be brave and do the right thing, I also find reassurance in these words from Isaiah 54:4, partly quoted here: 'Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth'. Other encouraging words from Isaiah 41:10–13 say, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed … For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."

What can we tell ourselves, though, as an embattled society? Perhaps we could say: "But understand this; that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive … ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people" (Timothy 3:1–17). And let's activate 'avoid' to 'oppose', for harassment is war.

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Trump's unpredictability

Ref: *Markets wrestle method & madness of Trumponomics* (Jun 29). Donald Trump's recent remark about a 'very big' trade deal with India has sparked optimism, but the looming July 9 tariff deadline has injected a sense of urgency. His unpredictability is nothing new, and we hope something good comes out of it.
Lawrence Vadukut, Thrissur

Deafening silence

Ref: *Need a regulator for flying coffins* (Jun 29). The facts laid out by the author are startling, while the continued silence from the officials on the cause of the Flight AI 171 crash is strange. The aviation ministry must vow to the nation that such lapses will never recur.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Linguistic pluralism

Ref: *Talking local, thinking national* (Jun 29). Linguistic pluralism adds to the beauty of the nation, similar to its biodiversity. The migrant population, who attempt to assimilate, should be duly honoured. The education policy at the primary stages also promotes learning regional languages besides one's mother tongue.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Evolving Constitution

Ref: *Sacrilege to spirit of sanatan, says V-P* (Jun 29). The Constitution is a living document. It adapts to the constantly evolving consciousness of the population. Criticising the inclusion of the word 'secular' in our Constitution, which had been engrained in the ethos of India since independence, and terming it as a 'sacrilege' is religiously motivated.
Gunkirat Kaur, Bengaluru

Scintillating Smirti

Ref: *Mandhana slams ton, Shree Charani makes dream start* (Jun 29). The Indian team has started their England tour on a high, thanks to Smriti Mandhana's audacious batting. She has notably achieved an enviable new milestone, banging centuries in all three formats of cricket. Undoubtedly she is a precious asset to Indian cricket.
S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Israel's war

Ref: *The Sword of David* (Jun 29). It is sardonic that the author points out that Israel has a state-of-the-art arsenal of modern weapons, and is guarded by Mossad and an ally as powerful as the United States. However, they choose to overpower starving, unarmed Palestinians.
Akbar Kelan, Palakkad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Dharmendra Pradhan @dpradhanbjp
From rural Karnataka to global science network! Reshma, Lakshmi, Kirat & Yamini, 9th graders have authored a research publication in a recognised science journal

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The news of the stampede during Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra in Puri is extremely tragic. May God grant peace to the departed souls. My deepest condolences to aggrieved

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
On birthday of 'Tiger of Bengal' Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay, I offer my heartfelt tribute. In pre-independence era, his mission in education sector had impact across the nation

● Over 1.5 lakh booth-level workers appointed for poll panel drive ● Oppn raises queries on methodology adopted

Parties depute agents to monitor Bihar roll revision

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DESPITE causing controversy over the Election Commission (EC)'s Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar ahead of assembly polls, the political parties have appointed over 1.5 lakh workers as Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and are in the process of appointing more.

A source in the EC said, "All political parties in Bihar are participating actively in the SIR at the booth level by appointing more than 1.5 lakh party workers as BLA till now. They are in the process of appointing more and more BLAs for proper verification of the electoral rolls."

As per the data provided by the Chief Electoral officer (CEO) of Bihar, the BJP has so far appointed 51,964 BLAs, the RJD (47,143), JD(U) (27,931), Congress (8,586), LJP (2,457), RLSP (264), CPI (ML) - 233, CPI (M) - 76 and BSP (26).

Noting that the poll panel, by conducting the SIR, has been fulfilling its mandate under Article 326 of the Constitution, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar said, "With the launch of SIR, history began. It was a proud moment for all Indians. The Election Commission was, is and will always be with the voters."

EC step in response to ongoing criticism: Ex-CEC

Commenting on the intensive review of electoral rolls in Bihar, former CEC T S Krishnamurthy said, "Usually, door-to-door verification of the electoral roll is conducted every five years. But this time, a special and intensive registration drive has been ordered. The EC has taken this step in response to ongoing criticism." The exercise is going to be tough and vast to verify each and every voter in Bihar.

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Stressing that the exercise is going to be tough and huge to verify each and every voter in Bihar, where there are around 7.7 crore voters-base. A source said, "We have deployed 77,895 booth-level officers (BLO) for this exercise. We plan to induct an additional 20,603 personnel to accomplish this gigantic task. This will be besides the one lakh volunteers, who will assist the genuine voters, who are elderly, infirm or persons with disabilities."

Once this exercise is done, the EC will publish the draft electoral rolls on August 1. Common voters can verify and lodge complaints till the final voters' list is prepared in September. The Assembly election for the 243-member House in Bihar is slated to be held in October and November this year.

Will oppose exercise legally, politically: Cong questions EC move

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the EC began its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls, the Congress on Sunday said it will oppose the move legally, politically, and on all fronts. The move invited scathing criticism from the Opposition parties as the EC on Saturday said around 2.93 crore of 7.89 crore voters, or about 37% of the electorate, will have to submit proof of their eligibility.

Speaking with this newspaper, Congress leader Praveen Chakravarty questioned the methodology adopted by the EC to ascertain that 37% of the Bihar electorate will have to re-register.

"How did they get the figure of 37%? This means they have the electoral roll of 2003 in a machine-readable format. Otherwise, it's impossible to analyse and come up with the figure. The Congress has been demanding the Maharashtra electoral rolls for a long time. If they have the 2003 rolls, why are they not showing us the 2024 Maharashtra voter rolls?" said Chakravarty, a member of EAGLE, an eight-member Congress panel tasked with looking into polls.

He also pointed out that the EC had mooted a proposal on March 8 for electoral roll cleaning using Aadhaar, which, while not perfect, is a more viable alternative solution than an intensive voter revision in Bihar.

"Why did the EC abandon that to suddenly announce an SIR three months after the Aadhaar proposal?" he asked.

The EC's move on June 24, requiring all existing voters who were not on the 2003 rolls to provide proof of their and their parents' citizenship, has also sparked concerns of disenfranchisement and exclusion of the poor and marginalised from voter rolls.

"If I was a voter in 2024 or 2019, that doesn't mean I am a voter now. I have to re-register. Now, they are saying I have to prove my veracity as a voter and prove date and place of birth. Why am I guilty until proven innocent?" he said.

Chakravarty also said the EC has come up with arduous rules for providing birth certificates of voters and their parents, depending on the year of birth.

Besides Union and state government officials will now dictate who has correct documents and who doesn't, thus dictating who gets to vote in the upcoming Bihar assembly polls.

SC orders release of law student from preventive detention under NSA

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently directed the immediate release of a 24-year-old law student hailing from Madhya Pradesh who had been under preventive detention for nearly a year under the National Security Act, 1980 (NSA), after noting that detention of the appellant, was "wholly untenable".

The top court ordered that the petitioner (appellant) Annu alias Aniket, be released immediately from Central Jail, Bhopal, if he was not required in any other criminal case.

A two-judge vacation bench of the top court, led by Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice Vinod Chandran observed that the grounds mentioned in the order, which include disruption of law and order did not satisfy the requirements of Section 3(2) of the NSA.

"We are of the view that the reasons for which he has been taken into preventive detention does not satisfy the requirement of Sub Section(2) of Section 3 of the NSA, 1980. Preventive detention of the appellant, therefore, becomes wholly untenable", the court said. Section 3(2) empowers the Union and state governments to order preventive detention of a person.

The petitioner, had been booked following an altercation on June 14, 2024, at a university campus in Betul, after he allegedly clashed with a professor. Following this, an FIR was filed for attempt to murder and other offences against Annu, forcing him to surrender on June 16 and was placed in judicial custody. While in jail, the NSA detention order was issued against him. This order was later confirmed and extended every three months.

The Court noted that the detention order had been extended four times, with the last extension valid till July 12, 2025.

After hearing Annu's appeal, the apex court said, "At the most, these are all issues of law and order. 'Public order' is something bigger".

Cong steps up Op Sindoor heat over attache's alleged remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Sunday accused the Centre of having "misled" the country about Operation Sindoor, citing reported remarks by the India's Defence Attaché to Indonesia, who allegedly said that the Indian Air Force lost fighter jets during the strikes on May 7.

The Indian Embassy in Jakarta, however, strongly denied the reports, stating that the attaché's comments were "quoted out of context" and that the media coverage was a "misrepresentation of the intention and thrust of the presentation made by the speaker."

The embassy clarified that the officer's remarks focused on India's tradition of civilian-led military leadership and the non-escalatory intent behind Operation Sindoor.

"The objective of Operation Sindoor was to target terrorist infrastructure and the Indian response was non-escalatory," the statement read.

The comments in question were attributed to Captain Shiv Kumar (Indian Navy), who was speaking at a seminar in Indonesia. According to some media reports shared by Congress secretary in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, the officer said Indian jets were lost during the operation targeting terror-linked sites.

First the Chief of Defence Staff makes important revelations in Singapore. Then a senior defence official follows up from Indonesia. Why is the PM refusing to preside over an all-party meeting and take the Opposition into confidence?

Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary

"These revelations raise serious questions," Ramesh wrote on X: "First the Chief of Defence Staff makes important revelations in Singapore. Then a senior defence official follows up from Indonesia. But why is the PM refusing to preside over an all-party meeting and take the Opposition into confidence? Why has the demand for a special session of Parliament been rejected?"

One quote attributed to Captain Kumar said: "I may not agree with him (a fellow panelist) that India lost so many aircraft. But I do agree that we did lose some aircraft and that happened only because of the constraint given by the political leadership to not attack the military establishments and their air defences."

The New Indian Express could not verify the attaché's reported comments.

Despite the embassy's clarification, Congress continued to press the government on transparency, demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi break his silence. "The government must come clean," Ramesh said. "This is not a matter for silence or evasion."

The row has yet again brought to fore calls for an all-party meeting and a special Parliament session.

INSIDER TRACK

3 in race to replace Delhi police chief

The race for Delhi's next top cop has intensified among AGMUT cadre officers, with the government no longer seeking a senior officer from outside the cadre to replace Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora. The 1988-batch IPS officer from Tamil Nadu will superannuate on July 31. The buzz is around two names: 1992-batch IPS officer of the AGMUT cadre, Satish Golcha, and his batchmate, Praveer Ranjan. Golcha is the Director General of Tihar Jail. He was earlier Special Commissioner (Intelligence) in the Delhi Police and DGP of Arunachal Pradesh. Ranjan, currently CISF ADG, was the DGP of Chandigarh and Special Commissioner (Crime) in Delhi. The grapevine has added a third name after the MHA decided to shift Anil Shukla, a 1995-batch IPS officer, from Mizoram to Delhi. He was the DGP there. A lot is being read into the timing of his transfer.

Has Gujarat Cong chief resigned?

Gujarat Congress president Shaktisinh Gohil has stepped down, owing responsibility for the party's defeat in both seats in the recent by-polls. However, the leadership appears to be in no mood to accept it or seek a replacement. President Mallikarjun Kharge only says, "I haven't received his resignation yet". Ditto, says General Secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal. Gohil's resignation comes shortly after the Congress initiated its long-delayed district-level reshuffle in Gujarat, aimed at reviving the party in the state. However, its performance remained below par in the by-polls. What's galling is that the party's expectations of winning in either seat were low to begin with. When Rajya Sabha MP Gohil returned to Gujarat to take over the Congress reins in June 2023, he was expected to inject much-needed energy and direction into the struggling state unit. The question now is if his resignation is merely symbolic or a serious political statement.

Emergency, Constitution & Bihar polls

Where else than poll-bound Bihar for a political showdown on Emergency and the Constitution? Politicians are shovelling deep, looking for shining gems from the archives to blind their rivals. The Congress' "Samvidhan Badlav" battles with the BJP's "Samvidhan Hatya". The latter's campaign against the Congress' Emergency-era clampdown faces the former's accusation that the saffron party is secretly plotting to amend the Constitution. The RJD has also found a weapon, in the form of the recent statement by senior RSS leader Dattatreya Hosabale regarding "Socialism" and "Secularism" in the Preamble — terms he claims shouldn't be there — to push back hard. "This statement is gold," an RJD strategist said. "We don't even have to say much. The RSS is doing it for us. The public will see through it." To recall, in the last assembly polls, Lalu Yadav used to hold up a copy of 'Bunch of Thoughts' — a compilation of speeches by RSS founder M S Golwalkar — at rallies. He didn't need words — just the book and a knowing look. That was enough to rattle the BJP's messaging.

New buzz around BJP ex-ministers

In BJP circles, there's quiet chatter about a group of once-prominent Union ministers who are now absent from both the government and Parliament. Names like Smriti Irani, Raj Kumar Singh, Ram Kripal Yadav, Ashwini Choubey, Shahnawaz Hussain, Ravi Shankar Prasad, and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi. Party insiders suggest that Shahnawaz Hussain, Raj Kumar Singh, and Ram Kripal Yadav—one of the few influential Yadav leaders in the Bihar BJP—may get roles in the organisation or on key committees. Ahead of Bihar's assembly polls, There's also talk of some returning to electoral politics, where their regional clout could help the party. Choubey and Naqvi are reportedly in line for gubernatorial posts, while Irani and Prasad may be given crucial organisational responsibilities.

Cong outreach on Indira Bhawan vibe

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's press conference on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency held at the party's new headquarters, Indira Bhawan, sought to recast the party's position on the contentious chapter of history as well as subtly project the new base as a space for political assertion. It was Kharge's first press conference at Indira Bhawan. A sit-down lunch followed, with free-wheeling conversations with senior leaders. They were interpreted as attempts to dispel criticism from some quarters that the new office feels more like a corporate workspace than the nerve centre of the grand old party. For those still nostalgic about the old-world charm of 24 Akbar Road, the party is preparing for more such informal engagements, says Manish Chatrath, the new in-charge of the AICC headquarters.

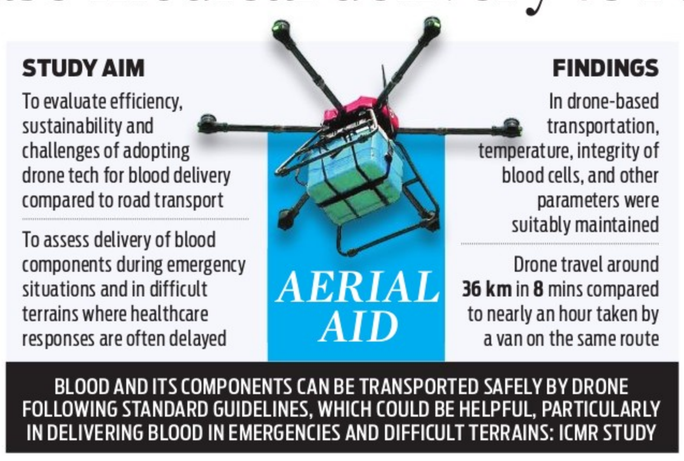
Drones to ease medical delivery to remote areas

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

TRANSPORTING blood and other crucial medical supplies from healthcare facilities to the remote corners of the country is costly and time-consuming if done conventionally. But now, drone technology offers far better opportunities in the healthcare sector, primarily in remote environments, by enabling timely delivery of life-saving medical supplies, says a latest ICMR study.

Published in the Springer Nature journal, the study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) argues that in the future, drones could become an effective way to deliver medical supplies, especially time-sensitive and emergency drugs, to the farthest reaches of rural India.

ICMR researches conducted the study to evaluate the efficiency, sustainability and challenges of adopting drone technology for blood-delivery compared to road transportation. They also sought to assess delivery of blood components during emergency situations in difficult terrains that currently face delayed healthcare responses due to inaccessibility.


STUDY AIM
To evaluate efficiency, sustainability and challenges of adopting drone tech for blood delivery compared to road transport
To assess delivery of blood components during emergency situations and in difficult terrains where healthcare responses are often delayed
AERIAL AID
FINDINGS
In drone-based transportation, temperature, integrity of blood cells, and other parameters were suitably maintained
Drone travel around 36 km in 8 mins compared to nearly an hour taken by a van on the same route
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The study found that during drone-based transportation, the temperature, integrity of blood cells, and other parameters were maintained. Also, the drone travelled around 36 km in eight minutes, compared to nearly an hour taken by a van which took the same route.

Buoyed by the findings, the ICMR is now planning to carry out similar pilot studies in hard-to-access areas.

Speaking with this newspaper, Dr Sumit Aggarwal, Scientist and Program office incharge I-Drone, ICMR, and first author of the study, said, "Building on the learnings from this feasibility study, we are now planning to initiate pilot implementation in coordination with the National Blood Transfusion Council, particularly targeting regions with difficult terrain where timely access to blood can be lifesaving. Further, this will help in making operational guidelines."

The study says, considering India's diverse and distinct geographical variations, last-mile service deliveries of healthcare supplies face multiple challenges. "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones are emerging technologies with the potential to leapfrog the last-mile logistics solution for transporting medical supplies, thus strengthening the overall healthcare system," the study read.

"This study suggests that the blood and its components can be transported safely by drone following standard guidelines, which could be helpful, particularly in delivering blood in emergencies and difficult terrains," it added.

Highlighting that the travel time for blood and its components – critical for life-saving transfusions but often with limited availability at remote locations – was reduced by half via use of drones, the study said, "It strongly reinforces the feasibility and safety of using drones for blood delivery."

The study indicates that drones can act as an effective tool for bridging the gap between blood supply and demand, ensuring that more patients receive the crucial blood support when it is needed.

'Women-led development' paving way for new India: Modi at Mann Ki Baat

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the mantra of 'women-led development' is creating a new future for India. He stressed that the women are not only charting a fresh course for themselves but also for society at large.

In his monthly radio broadcast Mann Ki Baat, the PM highlighted numerous examples of women-led initiatives from across the country.

He said, "In India, from health to social security, the country is moving ahead with the feeling of saturation in every field. This is also a great picture of social justice. These successes have instilled a belief that the coming times will make India stronger."

A vast majority of the Indian population is now benefiting from some form of social protection. Referring to a recent report by the International Labour Organization, he said, "The report mentions that over 64% of the country's population is now definitely availing of some social protection benefit or the other. Social Security is one of the biggest coverage in the world."

He went on to say that approximately 95 crore people in the country are currently availing benefits from various social security schemes. In contrast, back in 2015, less than 25 crore people were covered.

Taking a veiled swipe at the previous Congress-led government, without naming it directly, the PM remarked, "Just a few days ago, the imposition of Emergency on the country completed its 50 years. We countrymen have observed the 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas'. We should always remember all those people who fought the Emergency with fortitude."

During the broadcast, PM Modi also played excerpts from speeches by former PMs Morarji Desai and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, as well as former Deputy PM Jagjivan Ram, all referencing the Emergency period.

Among other examples of empowerment, the he spoke of Bodoland's rise in the realm of sports. The PM also celebrated what he termed a "remarkable milestone" — the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring India trachoma-free — and praised healthcare workers for their instrumental role.

He added, "The 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' helped in eradicating it. The 'Jal Jeevan Mission' also contributed a lot to this success. Today, when clean water is reaching every home through taps, the risk of such ailments has reduced."

BUSTED

Police have arrested three persons, allegedly linked to an international fraud syndicate, for cheating an elderly woman in Maharashtra's Thane city of more than ₹3 crore after keeping her under "digital arrest".

1 DEAD IN ATTACK BY A BOVINE IN UP'S HATHRAS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	26	Mumbai	28	27
Bhopal	28	23	Panaji	30	27
Jaipur	29	26	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	33	18	Lucknow	30	27
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	29	23
Srinagar	29	18	Chandigarh	29	25

● State government suspends Char Dham Yatra for 24 hours ● Villagers demand strict action against management for negligence

3 killed, 6 missing after cloudburst hits U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND is grappling with the aftermath of a devastating cloudburst that struck the Baligarh area on the Barkot-Yamunotri road early Sunday, sweeping away at least 20 labourers from an under-construction hotel site, killing at least three of them. The rescue teams have so far managed to save 11 of the labourers, and the other six are still missing. The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) recovered one body from the debris, and the police retrieved two bodies at a distance of 18 kilometres.

The natural calamity has not only caused significant human loss but also severely impacted critical infrastructure. A crucial 10-meter stretch of the Yamunotri Highway has been completely washed away, effectively cutting off connectivity to the site of pilgrimage here. In response to the escalating crisis, the state government has taken the unprecedented step of suspending the Char Dham Yatra for the next 24 hours.

Garhwal Division Commissioner Vinay Shankar Pandey confirmed the decision, adding, "As a precautionary measure, I have given instructions to the police and administration officials to stop the pilgrims in Haridwar, Rishikesh, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, Sonprayag, and Vikasnagar."

The mountainous districts of Uttarakhand have been experiencing relentless, heavy rainfall since Saturday night, leading to an alarming rise in the water levels of major rivers. The Mandakini and Alaknanda rivers, which pass through the Badrinath and Kedarnath regions, are now flowing above the danger mark.

SDRF Commandant Arpan Yaduvanshi stated, "Police in both districts are appealing to people living on riverbanks to move to safer locations. SDRF units are continuously monitoring potential high-risk areas and have urged pilgrims and others to refrain from approaching the riverbanks."

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has taken immediate cognisance of the incident, expressing concern via a tweet about the missing labourers.

Vinod Kumar Suman, Secretary of Disaster Management, shed light on the arduous rescue efforts, explaining, "Police and Army personnel from nearby areas have initiated rescue operations. State and national disaster response teams have been deployed. Currently, 15 personnel are actively engaged, with approximately 45 more on the way. Due to the challenging terrain, heavy machinery cannot reach the site, and teams are conducting rescues manually. The labourers are either trapped in debris, stuck on rocks, or have been swept away into the river. Efforts to locate them are ongoing," he said.

Rail services disrupted, roads blocked in HP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE rail services on the Shimla-Kalka rail line were suspended after boulders and trees fell on the tracks near Solan's Koti area following overnight rains. Repair works are under way.

The first train that was scheduled to arrive in the morning got stuck at the Koti railway station, while other trains were halted at Gumman and Kalka. Videos of passengers, waiting for hours, expressing their anger are also surfacing online.

Meanwhile, a landslide near Koti on the Shimla-Kalka National Highway (NH-5), connecting Shimla and Chandigarh, damaged some stretches of the road, resulting in a 3-km traffic jam that lasted hours. An alternative route via Jangeshu road is also closed owing to fallen debris, which is being cleared. Traffic from Kasauli towards Chandigarh will be diverted via Jangeshu once it gets cleared. Solan SP of Gaurav Singh said two-way traffic has been restored near Chakki mod on NH 5, which was damaged in landslides.

Further, a bridge on the road leading to the Himuda Complex near the Barotiwala industrial area of Solan district has been washed away, and the road to Himuda Complex in Mandhala and Bagguwala has been closed.

162 students stranded in inundated J'khand school for one night, rescued

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

MORE than 162 students at a residential school in Jharkhand were forced to spend the entire night on the terrace of their building after heavy rainfall flooded the building.

According to Rural SP Rishabh Garg, they could only be rescued after the police were informed the next morning. The rescue operation continued for nearly one and a half hours, during which all the children were safely brought down with the help of the villagers. Heavy rain began to batter the city on Saturday, causing the school building become inundated with rainwater. When the water level rose, the authority shifted all 162 children to the roof of their building for safety.

"At around 5:30 in the morning, the Kowali police station in-charge called and informed that the children at Luv Kush residential school were trapped in the flood water. We immediately rushed and, with the help of the villagers, safely evacuated them using rope and boat. We took them in a nearby government school, he added," said the SP.

The Rural SP further noted that by taking proactive measures, all the children were rescued before outside help could arrive, and not a single child was harmed. The SP told that a special team was formed under the leadership of office in charge of Kowali police station and the children were rescued with the help of boats and ropes. Despite waterlogging and continuous rain, the police and rescue team quickly controlled the situation, he said.

"Giving priority to the safety of the children, the team took them out with utmost caution. During the rescue operation, the children were asked to remain calm and constant communication was maintained with them so that they do not get panic," said the SP.

Meanwhile, the villagers demanded that action be taken against the school management for this negligence.

PATNA DIARY

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People think I am the next Lalu Prasad: Tej

Undeterred by his ouster from the family and expulsion from the party for six years, Tej Pratap Yadav, the eldest son of RJD chief Lalu Prasad and RJD MLA, now claims that there are conspiracies against him as people recognise him as the next Lalu Prasad. "I would like my brother Tejashwi Prasad Yadav to become the CM after the elections later this year. I aim to play the role of a kingmaker," Tej said. He, however, made it clear that he would not change his assembly constituency—Hasanpur—from where he won elections in 2020. There were rumours suggesting that he will contest from Mahua, but he has denied it.

Bihar, country's first in e-voting facility

Bihar has emerged as the first state in the country where voters exercised their franchise through mobile phones. The e-voting was part of the municipal bypolls and elections in six Nagar panchayats in the state. The districts where voters exercised their franchise through mobile phones include Patna, Buxar, Rohtas, and East Champaran. E-voting facility was made available for senior citizens, disabled persons and pregnant women, who may find it difficult to visit polling booths to cast their votes. Bibha Kumari and Mannua Kumar, both residents of East Champaran, became the first female and male voters to cast their votes through a mobile phone app.

Not in CM's race, says Prashant Kishor

Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor has clarified that he is not in the race for chief minister's post. Kishor's statement is contrary to that of the party's newly elected national president Uday Singh, alias, Pappu Singh, who recently stated that Kishor would be the CM if the party gains a majority in the upcoming assembly elections in the state. Kishor, however, asserted that his party will contest all the 243 seats in the assembly elections and form the next government in Bihar on its own. He also rules out alliance with any political combination in the state.

Four killed in Rajasthan as soil caves in; seven rescued

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A tragic accident occurred on Sunday morning in the Roopwas area of Bharatpur district during the pipeline laying work of the Chambal Project. While excavating soil near Ghanouli police station area, around a dozen labourers were buried under a heap of soil.

Three women and a youth died on the spot, while seven others were rescued and rushed to RBM Hospital in Bharatpur. According to officials, the incident happened when the laborers, who had descended into a 10–12-foot-deep pit to remove yellow soil, were suddenly trapped under a massive soil collapse. The victims, all migrant laborers from Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh, were engaged in manual digging when tons of soil gave way, triggering chaos and panic at the site.

Upon receiving information, the district administration and local villagers rushed to the scene and initiated rescue operations. Their bodies have been kept in the mortuary at the district hospital. The injured are currently undergoing treatment. District Collector Qamar Chaudhary visited the hospital.

Will bin Waqf Act if voted to power, vows Tejashwi; JD(U) terms it 'eyewash'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Sunday claimed that the ruling NDA in Bihar was "on its way out", and the new government in the state led by the Mahagathbandhan will "consign to dustbin" the Waqf Act brought by the Narendra Modi dispensation at the Centre.

He addressed a 'Save Waqf, Save Constitution' rally, held at the historical Gandhi Maidan here, where leaders from various political parties had turned up, wearing black bands as a mark of protest. Tejashwi's remarks were aimed at rallying the minority community's support. "I would also ask my Muslim brethren in Bihar to remember that the NDA government is on its way out. In November, a new pro-poor government will be installed in the state and it will consign the Waqf Act to the dustbin," said Yadav, who will be leading the INDIA bloc charge in the assembly polls.

In response, JD(U) state president Umesh Kushwaha accused the RJD of using the minority community as a vote bank. He dismissed the party's sympathy for Muslims as mere "eyewash," arguing that it was a tactic to garner votes in the upcoming elections. Kushwaha further claimed that the people of Bihar were well aware of the RJD's "nepotistic" mentality.

Tejashwi also took a swipe at BJP, saying the country's Independence was the result of sacrifices by all communities and criticised the Election Commission's efforts to revise the voter list. "Be on your guard against the Election Commission's bid to help the BJP by holding a special intensive revision of the voters' list. We have to fight it out and thwart any conspiracy to deprive people of their right to vote," he said.

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DNA samples of Kolkata rape survivor, accused collected

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

THE investigation into the alleged gang-rape incident at a law college in Kolkata made some significant progress on Sunday when the recovered CCTV footage corroborated the sequence of incident described by the victim, Kolkata Police sources said.

According to police sources, the DNA samples have been collected from both the survivor and the three accused.

The Kolkata Police has also expanded the SIT (Special Investigation Team) from five to nine members. Among the newly added four members is a female sub-inspector.

"The incident allegedly took place on June 25 at the guard's room of the South Calcutta Law College. Four people have been arrested so far. The complainant was taken to the spot on Saturday morning for reconstruction of the crime. The reconstruction lasted for over two hours and was videographed," a senior police official said on Sunday, while adding that the recovered CCTV footage from the college corroborated the sequence of incident with the victim's complaint. "All three accused are seen at the spot in the footage," the official informed.

Meanwhile, National Commission for Women (NCW) member Archana Majumdar on Sunday visited the South Calcutta Law College, where the incident of gang-rape allegedly took place. However, she was not allowed any videography or still photography inside by the police.

She also alleged that the police could not provide her with the details of the whereabouts of the survivor. "The commission stands with her," she said, maintaining that the NCW's mandate is to assist a survivor as long as she wants.

The family of the survivor is not seeking a CBI investigation right now.

TMC serves notice to MLA over comments

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

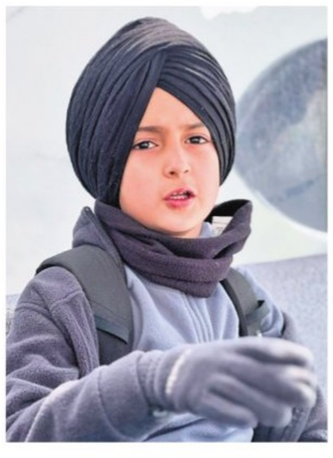
THE Trinamool Congress on Sunday issued a show cause notice to its Kamarhati MLA Madan Mitra over his controversial comments on the Kasba rape incident. This comes amid a verbal clash between MPs Kalyan Banerjee and Mahua Moitra that began with the former's remarks on the assault. Mitra's remark came a day after Banerjee expressed similar views, putting the party in a difficult spot.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Trinamool had distanced itself from the remarks made by MP Kalyan Banerjee and MLA Madan Mitra.

Meanwhile, Banerjee took a jibe at Moitra, who married former Puri MP Pinaki Mishra at a palace in Berlin. In a retort, Moitra wrote, "Misogyny in India cuts across party lines. What differentiates @AITCofficial is that we condemn these disgusting comments no matter who makes them."

Punjab boy youngest to scale tallest Europe peak

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh



TEGHBIR Singh, aged 6 years and 9 months, from Ropar in Punjab has become the youngest in the world to scale Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of Europe located in Russia at a height of over 18,510 feet.

Teghbir began his trek to Mount Elbrus on June 20 and reached the summit on June 28. He received the Mountain Climbing Certificate issued by the Mountaineering, Rock Climbing and Sports Tourism Federation of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic (Russia). "It is to certify that Teghbir Singh from India, the world's youngest summiteer on Mount Elbrus at the age of 6 years, 9 months and 4 days," states the certificate.

Elated over the achievement, Teghbir said, "I knew where I was to reach and finally I reached and had a picture with my father there. I was walking first time on snow, my shoes were heavy but I had practised it back." With this feat, he sets a new world record of summiting Mt Elbrus at the age of 6 years and 9 months, surpassing the previous world record held by Wagah Kushagra of Maharashtra, who set the record last year at the age of 7 years and 3 months. In August last year, he became the youngest Asian to scale Mt Kilimanjaro (the highest peak of the African continent), and his name features in the Asia Book of Records and the India Book of Records. He also reached the Mt Everest Base Camp in Nepal in April last year.

His father Sukhinderdeep Singh said, "Teghbir started preparing for this feat almost a year back. He was trained by Bikramjit Singh Ghuman, a retired coach, who used to help him with the exercises related to increasing cardiovascular health and lung capacity to deal with altitude sickness. He used to go on weekly treks with me and the coach to different hilly locations."

He said Teghbir will return to India on July 1. "The climb was different compared to Mt Kilimanjaro and other treks. It was the first time he was walking in snow with high boots, crampons, harness and oxygen support on. It increased the weight on his feet by three to four kgs. He walked and stayed in a low-oxygen altitude in minus-grade temperature for almost a week," said his father.

A gynaecologist, Teghbir's mother Dr Manpreet Kaur said, "Diet played a major role in his journey and he followed a strict diet schedule as laid by his coach."

Teghbir, 6, started preparing for trek a year ago

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Out on expedition, Arunachal forest team discovers new flowering plant

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

FOREST officials in Arunachal Pradesh have discovered a new flowering plant 'Begonia nyishiorum', endemic to the state's East Kameng district.

An article on the discovery was published on June 23 in the journal "Novon". The discovery was made during an expedition, "Documentation of rare flora and fauna of East Kameng district," conducted by the Seppa forest division from July last year to January this year.

Divisional Forest Officer, Seppa, Abhinav Kumar told this newspaper that 'Begonia nyishiorum' remained a hidden secret all these years. "Officers and staff members of the forest division and local Nyishi residents blazed fresh trekking lines by cutting through dense, untouched vegetation and camped in sub-zero conditions at elevations above 2 600 metres, where several slopes lay under early winter snow," said Kumar, also the co-lead author. "Amid this arduous survey to document the district's flora and fauna, the team noticed a cluster of begonias with unmistakable crimson fringed petioles—sparking detailed collection, photography, and subsequent taxonomic work," said Kumar.

Begonia nyishiorum grows in moist, shaded mountain slopes between 1,500 and 3,000 metres above sea level and is instantly recognisable by the dense crimson, fringed scales that sheath its light green petioles—an indumentum previously unseen in any Asian begonia.

"Each new species we document is another reminder that vast tracts of Arunachal's forest remain scientifically unexplored," said Kumar, adding, "Begonia nyishiorum spotlights why the Eastern Himalaya must be treated as a global priority for both research and conservation."

Talking about why this discovery matters, Kumar said currently known only from two forest sites in East Kameng, the species' petiole 'fringe' sets it apart from over 2,150 accepted begonias worldwide. He said the epithet nyishiorum honours the Nyishi community whose traditional stewardship protects these high elevation forests.

11 miners dead as gold mine partially collapses in eastern Sudan, state-run firm in charge of project said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	LC	Los Angeles	17	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	LC
Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	5	0	LC
Dubai	42	31	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	30	22	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	12	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	17	8	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

Iran says 71 killed in Israeli strike on Tehran's Evin prison

DUBAI

AT least 71 people were killed in Israel's attack on Tehran's Evin prison, a notorious facility where many political prisoners and dissidents have been held, Iran's judiciary said on Sunday.

Judiciary spokesperson Asghar Jahangir posted on the office's official Mizan news agency website that those killed on Monday included staff, soldiers, prisoners and members of visiting families. It was not possible to independently verify the claim.

The June 23 attack, the day before the ceasefire between Israel and Iran took hold, hit several prison buildings and prompted concerns from rights groups about the safety of the inmates.

It remains unclear why Israel targeted the prison, but it came on a day when the Defense Ministry said it was attacking "regime targets and government repression bodies in the heart of Tehran."

The news of the prison attack was quickly overshadowed by an Iranian attack on a US base in Qatar later that same day, which caused no casualties, and the announcement of the ceasefire.

Jahangir did not break down the casualty figures but said the attack had hit the prison's infirmary, engineering building, judicial affairs and visitation hall, where visiting family members were killed and injured.

On the day of the attack, the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran criticized Israel for striking the prison, seen as a symbol of the Iranian regime's repression of any opposition, saying it violated the principle of distinction between civilian and military targets.

Over the 12 days before a ceasefire was declared, Israel claimed it killed around 30 Iranian commanders and 11 nuclear scientists, while hitting eight nuclear-related facilities and more than 720 military infrastructure sites.

More than 1,000 people were killed, including at least 417 of them civilians, according to the Washington-based Human Rights Activists group.

In retaliation, Iran fired more than 550 ballistic missiles at Israel, most of which were intercepted, but those that got through caused damage in many areas and killed 28 people.

While both Israel and Iran have been adhering to the truce, Iranian officials raised suspicions Sunday about whether the other side would continue to keep its word. *AFP*

FILE: Rescuers search through the rubble of a damaged section of Evin Prison following an Israeli strike the day before, in Tehran, Iran | AP

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 633

Israeli strikes kill over 70 in Gaza

Deir Al-Balah: Israeli strikes killed at least 72 people across Gaza overnight and into Saturday, health workers said, as ceasefire prospects were said to be improving after 21 months of war. Three children and their parents were killed in an Israeli strike on a tent camp in Muwasi near the southern city of Khan Younis. They were struck while sleeping, relatives said.

TOLL SO FAR

56,367

Russia launches its biggest aerial attack on Ukraine

Fires 537 drones, missiles at Ukraine; Kyiv says nearly half shot down or jammed

KYIV

RUSSIA launched its biggest aerial attack against Ukraine overnight, a Ukrainian official said Sunday, part of an escalating bombing campaign that has further dashed hopes for a breakthrough in efforts to end the 3-year-old war.

Russia fired a total of 537 aerial weapons at Ukraine, including 477 drones and decoys and 60 missiles, Ukraine's air force said. Of these, 249 were shot down and 226 were lost, likely having been electronically jammed. The onslaught was "the most massive airstrike" on the country since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, taking into account both drones and various types of missiles, Yuriy Ihnat, head of communications for Ukraine's air force, told The Associated Press. The attack targeted several regions, including western Ukraine, far from the front line.

Poland and allied countries scrambled aircraft to ensure the safety of Polish airspace, the country's air force said.

Three people were killed in each of the drone strikes in the Kherson, Kharkiv and the Dnipropetrovsk regions, according to the three governors.

Another person was killed by an airstrike in Kostyantynivka, local officials said. In addition to aerial attacks, a man died when Russian troops shelled the city of Kherson, and the body of a 70-year-old woman was found under the rubble of a nine-story building hit by Russian shelling in the Zaporizhzhia region.

In the far-western Lviv region, a large fire broke out at an industrial facility in the city of Drohobych following a drone attack that also cut electricity to parts of the city. Ukraine's air force said one of its F-16 warplanes supplied by its Western partners crashed after sustaining damage while shooting down air targets. The pilot died. Russia's Defense Ministry said it had shot down three Ukrainian drones overnight. Two people were wounded in another Ukrainian drone attack on the city of Bryansk in western Russia, regional Gov. Alexander Bogomaz said Sunday morning, adding that seven more Ukrainian drones had been shot down over the region. *AP*

CHINA'S ROBOT SOCCER STEALS SPOTLIGHT

BEIJING: While China's men's soccer team hasn't generated much excitement in recent years, humanoid robot teams have won over fans in Beijing based more on the AI technology involved than any athletic prowess shown. Four teams of humanoid robots faced off in fully autonomous 3-on-3 soccer matches powered entirely by artificial intelligence on Saturday night in China's capital in what was touted as a first in China and a preview for the upcoming World Humanoid Robot Games, set to take place in Beijing. According to the organizers, a key aspect of the match was that all the participating robots operated fully autonomously using AI-driven strategies without any human intervention or supervision. Equipped with advanced visual sensors, the robots were able to identify the ball and navigate the field with agilityThey were also designed to stand up on their own after falling. However, during the match several still had to be carried off the field on stretchers by staff, adding to the realism of the experience. AP

Form 4
Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes
IN THE COURT OF SRI SHREYANSH DODDAMANI
SCCH-23-XXI ADDL. Judge, Court of Small Causes and ACJM, BENGALURU SOUTH, BENGALURU
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
C.C/4585/2019 FIRSTCHOICE RMX LLP Vs THIMME GOWDA
1/0 NEXT DATE: 01-08-2025
(See Section 82)
PUBLISHED THROUGH Officer Incharge of Police Station/ Police Station Officer
THROUGH MALLESHWARAM POLICE STATION

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that THIMME GOWDA, Major, years, R/o. - PROPRIETOR OF RMC SERVICES HAVING ITS OFFICE AT NO. 25, 1ST FLOOR, 9TH MAIN, 9TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM, BANGALORE-560 003. has committed for is suspected to have committed) the offence of punishable under section HAL CRPC of the U/S 200 OF Cr.P.C. R/W SEC 138 OF NI ACT, and it has been returned toa warrant of arrestabereupon issued that the said **THIMME GOWDA** cannot be found, and whereas It has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **THIMME GOWDA** has absconded for concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Problemation is hereby made that the said **THIMME GOWDA**, Major, is required appear at Chief Court of Small Causes before SCCH-23 - XXI ADDL. Judge, Causes and ACJM to answer the said complaint on the day of 01-08-2025

SCCH - 23 - XXI ADDL. Judge, Court of Small causes
BENGALURU SOUTH, BENGALURU
Dated, this day of 12-06-2025

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ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಆತಾಉಲ್ಲಾ. ಸಿ ರವರು ಅದರ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಶಾಹಿನಾ ಬೇಗಂ ಕೋಂ ಅಮ್ಜದ್ ಹುಸೇನ್, ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಉಮರ್ ಸಾದಿಕ್ ಹುಸೇನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಅಮ್ಜದ್ ಹುಸೇನ್, ಎ.ಆರ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-562114, ಪಿಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) (Section 13(4))

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Bengaluru Specialised ARM-1 (2366) Branch** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice 13(2) dated **11.04.2025** calling upon the Borrower/s: **1. Mr. Mallikarjuna Shetty R and Mrs. Sujatha N** W/o Mr. Mallikarjuna Shetty R, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.76,32,309.45** (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Nine And Paise Forty Five Only) plus interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8&9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **27-06-2025 (27 day of June of the 2025).**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank,** for an amount of **Rs.77,59,170.37** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Nine Thousands One Hundred Seventy and Paisa Thirty Seven Only) as on **24.06.2025** plus interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Details of Security assets :

Name of Title holder: Mr.R.Mallikarjuna Shetty S/o R Satyanarayana Shetty

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, West by: Land in Sy.No.6, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Land in Sy.No.122

ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 10 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Land in Sy.No.106, South by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1.

ITEM NO.3: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 29 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1.

ITEM NO.4 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 15 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1

ITEM NO.5 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 15 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1

ITEM NO.6: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 14 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1.

ITEM NO.7 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 14 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.8.

ITEM NO.8 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas in the Survey Number 8 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.102/1 & 102/2, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by: Land in Sy.No.9.

ITEM NO.9 : All the piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas in the Survey Number 102/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.101, West by: Land in Sy.No.8, North by: Land in Sy.No.103 & 106, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/2.

ITEM NO.10 : All the piece and parcel of residentially converted property Survey No.106, measuring 2 Acres 01 Gunta situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.107, West by: Shamanna Land, North by: Yashodamma Land, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/1.

ITEM NO.11 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and 1 Gunta Kharab in the Survey Number 107 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Land in Sy.No.7/1, North by: Land in Sy.No.121, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/1.

ITEM NO.12 : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 23 Guntas and 1 Gunta Kharab in the Survey Number 121/1(Old Sy No.121) situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.120, West by: Land in Sy.No.122, North by: Land in Sy.No.121/2, South by : Land in Sy.No.106/107.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residential Plot bearing No.49 and forming part of Schedule A property, carved out of residentially converted Survey Number 7/1, in the Layout known as 'MANAR PURE EARTH' and measuring East to West 12 Mtrs and North to South 9 Mtrs, totally measuring 108 Sq.Mtrs(1163 Sqft) and bounded on: East by: Site No.66, West by: Road, North by: Site No.50, South by : Site No.48

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : Residential Independent Villa No.49 constructed in Schedule B property measuring 1838 Square Feet of Super built up area.

Date : 27.06.2025
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
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Trump asks Bibi to make Gaza deal, get hostages back

TEL AVIV

US President Donald Trump on Sunday urged progress in ceasefire talks in the 20-month war in Gaza, as Israel and Hamas appeared to move closer to an agreement.

A top adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Ron Dermer, was set to travel to Washington this week for talks on a ceasefire, an Israeli official said, and plans were being made for Netanyahu to travel there in the coming weeks, a sign there may be movement on a deal. The official declined to discuss the visit's focus and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss plans that had not been finalized. "Make the deal in Gaza. Get the hostages back!!!" Trump wrote on social media early Sunday. Trump raised expectations Friday for a deal, saying there could be an agreement within the next week.

Trump has repeatedly called for Israel and Hamas to end the war in Gaza. An eight-week ceasefire was reached just as he took office earlier this year, but Israel resumed the war in March after trying to get Hamas to accept new terms on next steps.

Some Palestinians greeted the possibility of a new truce with skepticism after watching the last ceasefire shattered. *AP*

Iran could enrich uranium in months: IAEA Chief

WASHINGTON

UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi says Iran likely will be able to begin to produce enriched uranium "in a matter of months," despite damage to several nuclear facilities from US and Israeli attacks, CBS News said Saturday.

Israel launched a bombing campaign on Iranian nuclear and military sites on June 13, saying it was aimed at keeping Iran from developing a nuclear weapon — an ambition the Islamic republic has consistently denied. The United States subsequently bombed three key facilities used for Tehran's atomic program.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says the extent of the damage to the nuclear sites is "serious," but the details are unknown. US President Donald Trump insisted Iran's nuclear program had been set back "decades."

But Grossi, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said "some is still standing."

"They can have, you know, in a matter of months, I would say, a few cascades of centrifuges spinning and producing enriched uranium, or less than that," Grossi said Friday, according to a transcript of the interview released Saturday. Another key question is whether Iran was able to relocate some or all of its estimated 408.6-kilo (900-pound) stockpile of highly enriched uranium before the attacks. The uranium in question is enriched to 60 percent — above levels for civilian usage but still below weapons grade. That material, if further refined, would theoretically be sufficient to produce more than nine nuclear bombs. Grossi admitted to CBS: "We don't know where this material could be."

The full Grossi interview will air on "Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan" on Sunday. *AFP*

JAPAN LAUNCHES CLIMATE SATELLITE ON H2A'S LAST FLIGHT

TOKYO

JAPAN on Sunday successfully launched a climate change monitoring satellite on its mainstay H-2A rocket, which made its final flight before it is replaced by a new flagship model designed to be more cost competitive in the global space market.

The H-2A rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan, carrying the GOSAT-GW satellite as part of Tokyo's effort to mitigate climate change. The satellite was safely separated from the rocket and released into a planned orbit about 16 minutes later.

Scientists and space officials at the control room exchanged hugs and handshakes to celebrate the successful launch, which was delayed by several days due to a malfunctioning of the rocket's electrical systems.

Keiji Suzuki, a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries official in charge of rocket launch operations, said he was more nervous than ever for the final mission of the rocket, which has been his career work. "I've spent my entire life at work not to drop H-2A rocket ... All I can say is I'm so relieved."

Sunday's launch marked the 50th and final flight for the H-2A, which has served as Japan's mainstay rocket to carry satellites and probes into space with a near-perfect record since its 2001 debut. After its retirement, it will be fully replaced by the H3, which is already in operation, as Japan's new main flagship.

"It is a deeply emotional moment for all of us at JAXA as a developer," Hiroshi Yamakawa, president of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, told a news conference. The GOSAT-GW, or Global Observing SATellite for Greenhouse gases and Water cycle, is a third series in the mission to monitor carbon, methane and other greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere. It will share high-res sea and rainfall data globally within a year, officials said. *AP*

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The Borrower and Co-borrower has failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-borrower, Guarantor & the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties described herein as mentioned below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

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Sr. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date / Date & Type of Possession
1	**Borrower : (1) M/s. Annapoorneshwari Enterprises, The Cream Company,** No.85, Kateramma Temple Road, Maragondanahalli, K. R. Puram Post, Bengaluru- 560036. **Represented by its Partners, (2) Smt. Padma Iyengar, W/o Narahari S. N.,** No.351/1, Sai Nilaya, Opp. Govt. School Water Tank, Krishnaraja Pura Extension, Bengaluru-560036, **(3) Mr. Ravindranath Pradhan (Since Deceased, Rep. By his legal heirs Smt. Sowmya R Pradhan and Mr. Vivek Pradhan), (4) Mr. Vivek Ramanujan, S/o. Narahari S. N.,** No.351/1, Sai Nilaya, Opp. Govt. School Water Tank, Krishnaraja Pura Extension, Bengaluru-560036, **(5) Sowmya R Pradhan W/o Dr. Ravindranath Pradhan, and (6) Mr. Vivek Pradhan S/o Dr. Ravindranath Pradhan, Both are residing at** No 750 Shreedhar White House, Near Kadugodi Post Office, Kadugodi Bangalore-560067	**₹ 1,46,49,286.06 (₹ One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Six paisa six Only)** + Further Interest, charges thereon	**08.08.2024** **24.06.2025** **Constructive Possession**
	Description of the Immovable Property : (Owned by Late. Ravindranath Pradhan) All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing **House No.34/1-D V.P. Old Khata No.118, PID No. 432 situated at Sai Colony, Belathur, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560067** Measuring East to West 60.00 Feet on both sides, And North to South towards East 53.00 feet on the East and 58.00Feet on the West, in all Measuring 3,330 Sq. Ft. Together with construction of 1,418 Sq. ft. residential building and Car garage measuring 161.00 Sq. ft. in the Ground floor and a room with attached bath room in the first floor, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded on : East By :** Property of Sri Nandi, **West By :** Property of Smt Shobha Sharma, **North By :** Guruswamappa Property, **South By :** 15 feet Road.		
2	**Borrower : (1) Smt. Sindhu S and the co-obligants (2) Sri. Shiva Raju L K, Both are residing at** No.34, 1st Floor, Omkar Layout, Srinivasapura Cross, Near Omkara Hills, Kengeri Main Road, Bengaluru – 560060 and **(3) Sri. Shivakumar Swamy M., Residing at** No. 23, Jalamangala, Near Someshwara Temple, Ramanagara, Ramanagara Taluk & District – 562159	**₹ 50,72,959/- Rupees Fifty Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine Only)** + Further Interest, charges thereon	**29.04.2023** **25.06.2025** **Physical Possession**
	Description of the Immovable Property : (Owned by Smt. Sindhu S) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing **Site No. 31, PID No. 57-344-31, Survey No.68 & 69, Ward No.57, 1st A Cross, Tharamandala Pete, HBCS, Sarakki Village, Bengaluru** and measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, in all **Totally Measuring 1,200 Sq. Feet** together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded on : East By** : Property Bearing No.30, **West By** : Property Bearing No.31/A, **North By :** Property Bearing No.31/C & 32, **South By :** Road.		

Date : 25.06.2025
Place : Bengaluru
Asst. General Manager & Authorised Officer
The Cosmos Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

Know financial requirements to work in US

In order to work/study in the US, one needs to provide bank statements, sponsorship & property details, if required

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

INDIAN employees or students who wish to work or study in the US need to fulfil certain financial requirements in order to obtain visas. With new reforms being introduced to the H-1B visa programme, Indian talent also needs to understand various visa rules, procedures and requirements.

US employers can hire foreign workers in specialty occupations through the H-1B visa programme. According to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the specific duties of the offered position are so specialised, complex or unique that the knowledge required to perform them is associated with the attainment of a US bachelor's or higher degree. While H-1B visa is very common, L1 visas are those where employees are temporarily transferred within a company and O visas are those where people with extraordinary ability or achievement travel to the US. Mostly, employees must petition for the O visa on the employee's behalf.

KEY TAKEAWAYS
US student visa holder must have proof of funds or if someone is sponsoring, the sponsor needs to provide evidence of their financial capacity
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VISA
In case of F-1 visa, it is recommended that students show bank statements that cover at least one full year of tuition and also living expenses

For entering the US:
Experts point out that there is no specific minimum bank balance required, but it is suggested that applicants should have enough funds to support their stay until they take up the job. It is also suggested that they provide evidence such as bank statements and employment contracts apart from other documents.

Bank statements: At least 6 months or more as it will help demonstrate a stable income of the employee.

Sponsorship: In case if there is any sponsor who is providing financial support- be it for students or employees, the sponsor needs to provide proper documents (including bank statements) that can prove their ability to support them (students/employees).

Property ownership: In some cases, documents that prove ownership of any property in home country can show strong ties and that provide a reason for the applicants' return to the home country after the US stay.

As per the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, during the registration period in FY2026 for H-1B cap, it saw a significant decrease. The number of eligible unique beneficiaries was about 3,39,000 compared to 4,42,000 in FY 2025. While H-1B general filing fee costs about $215 per beneficiary, F-1 visa (student visa) application fee costs about $185.

In case of F-1 visa, it is recommended that students show bank statements that cover at least one full year of tuition fees and also living expenses. While tuition fees differ from one university to the other, the estimated cost might fall between ₹30 lakh and ₹50 lakh.

For entrepreneurs, those who own a majority stake in their companies can self-petition for H-1B visas under stricter conditions, allowing them to pursue their business ventures more freely.

IN CONVERSATION

SHAJI MATHEW
Chief Human Resources Officer at Infosys

Freshers are vital to our workforce, says Infosys CHRO

IT services firm Infosys' Global Education Centre (CEC) in Mysuru, which is one of the largest corporate training campuses globally, is central to onboarding and upskilling fresh talent. In an interaction with **Uma Kannan**, **Shaji Mathew,** Chief Human Resources Officer at Infosys talks about the company's AI talent, inclusive leadership programme and hybrid work policies. Excerpts:

How many of your employees are being trained in AI? Can you tell us about your upskilling programme and how it is benefiting your employees as well as clients?
Over the last two years, we have significantly upgraded both our physical and digital training infrastructure. Our Lex platform now offers over 36,000 curated courses, engaging more than 320,000 employees who dedicate an average of 40 minutes per day to learning. Additionally, through our InfyTQ app, we have extended Lex to over 500,000 college students across India.

Reskilling remains a cornerstone of our strategy. We have trained over 275,000 employees in AI and generative AI, while promoting cross-functional mobility through initiatives like Bridge and incentivising upskilling efforts. Over the past 18 months, many of our senior leaders completed an AI certification programme on business applications with Kellogg.

What kind of training/skilling programmes do freshers undergo at Infosys?
Freshers are integral to our workforce, and we ensure their seamless integration into projects through robust, structured training programmes. Our Global Education Centre (GEC) in Mysuru is central to onboarding and upskilling fresh talent, combining technical expertise with professional development. The Foundation Programme curriculum covers over 45 variants of new technology streams alongside traditional streams like Mainframe, Open Systems, Java, and Microsoft. It also includes behavioural competencies and niche skills designed to prepare employees for dynamic business needs. We also leverage AI-powered tools like Navi and Zoiee to enhance the learning experience. Navi acts as a virtual mentor, supporting employees in career growth and well-being, while Zoiee personalises learning journeys and develops critical soft skills through real-world simulations.

We are seeing an increased number of people coming back to the office. We have expanded our office network to be closer to where our employees live.

Can you tell us your inclusive leadership programme and what is the percentage of women employees in leadership roles?
Our #IamTheFuture programme, developed in partnership with Stanford University and Orbit Next, equips women leaders with high-impact training to drive their growth. We also take a proactive approach to supporting women throughout their careers. From nurturing career intentionality among engineering graduates through our Campus Connect programme to offering strong return-to-work support for women after maternity breaks, we remain focused on enabling personal and professional milestones. Our second career initiative, 'Restart with Infosys', creates opportunities for women professionals looking to re-enter the workforce after a break. We have hired 935 women into the Infosys ecosystem in fiscal 2025 through this endeavour.

What about your hybrid work policy and what kind of feedback are you receiving from employees?
At Infosys, we have embraced a flexible, hybrid work policy, and the response from our employees has been positive. We are seeing an increased number of people coming back to the office. To enhance convenience and flexibility, we have expanded our office network to be closer to where our employees live. We have opened development centres in cities such as Coimbatore, Hubballi, Indore, Kolkata, Nagpur, Mumbai, Noida, GIFT City (Gandhinagar), and Visakhapatnam. These centres bring the workplace closer to the hometowns of our employees.

MONEY-WISE

SCAMS TARGETING SENIOR CITIZENS

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SENIOR citizens are prime targets for financial scams due to their vulnerabilities, such as trustfulness, accumulated savings, and limited tech-savviness. Scammers exploit these traits through various schemes, causing financial and emotional harm. Below is an overview of common scams targeting seniors:

- **Imposter scams:** Scammers pose as authority figures (e.g., government officials, bank representatives, or police) or loved ones (e.g., grandchildren in distress). Fraudsters pretend to be relative needing urgent funds for emergencies like bail or medical bills, often begging secrecy to avoid family scrutiny. Scammers impersonate officials from departments like income tax or telecom, demanding payments for alleged penalties.
- **Tech support scams:** Fraudsters pose as tech company representatives, claiming a senior's device is infected or needs repair. They gain remote access, install malware, or charge for fake services. Seniors are targeted via fake tech support calls or phishing emails, exploiting their unfamiliarity with technology.
- **Romance scams:** Scammers build trust through online relationships, then request money for emergencies or travel. These scams exploit seniors' emotional vulnerabilities.
- **Investment scams:** Fraudsters promise high returns with low risk, targeting seniors' retirement savings. Ponzi schemes or fake investment opportunities are common. Seniors are lured via unsolicited calls or social media. Schemes may exploit seniors' affiliations or offer deals like timeshares with urgent deadlines.
- **Medicare/Health scams:** Health scams involve fake treatments or products promising miraculous cures, exploiting seniors' health concerns.
- **Lottery/sweepstakes scams:** Such scams are prevalent via phone calls or fake lottery emails.
- **Property-related scams:** Fraudsters forge documents or coerce seniors into signing over property rights.
- **Charity scams:** Scammers solicit donations for fake charities, exploiting seniors' generosity.
- **Robo-calls and phishing:** Automated calls or emails trick seniors into sharing personal details or making payments. Robo-calls from fake organisations pressure seniors into urgent actions. More than 90% of senior frauds are done by caretakers and their own family!

Why seniors are vulnerable:
- **Trust and politeness:** Seniors often trust authority figures or strangers claiming familiarity, making them less likely to question scams.
- **Financial assets:** Many have savings, own homes, or have good credit, making them lucrative targets.

Financial scams targeting seniors are a growing global issue, with losses in the billions annually. In India, the rise of digital platforms and cultural trust in authority amplify risks. By educating seniors, promoting skepticism, using technology wisely, and fostering community support, families can protect their loved ones.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY READING ABOUT IPOs CAN BE ENRICHING

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
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THE quest for financial security in life makes everyone ponder the means. Many of you might think that the more you earn, the better you will end up in terms of wealth. Money indeed begets money. If you are not well-endowed with family wealth, creating a surplus sufficient for retirement is a significant effort. A lot also depends on your ability to learn. Initial public offerings attract a lot of people to sit up and take notice of the opportunity due to the publicity around them.

It is a common practice to apply when companies come up with initial public offerings. Some borrow and invest, too. It's no surprise, then, that the year 2024-25 was a blockbuster year for the primary market, which includes IPOs, follow-on offers, and offers for sale by existing shareholders. About 105 issues saw a record ₹2,11,151 crore raised by companies or selling shareholders, according to Prime Database, a research agency.

The next few months in 2025-26 will see some large companies offering shares to investors. These include two large non-banking finance companies, such as Tata Capital and HDB Financials, as well as a fintech company like Pine Labs. While you may always want to get a slice of high-growth companies, it is also time for you to enrich yourself with knowledge.

The draft red herring prospectus, filed with regulators such as the Securities and Exchange Board of India or stock exchanges, provides insight into the business environment of these companies. You can get a sense of the growth opportunity for the company you wish to become a part-owner of.

The IPO offer document has numerous risk factors listed as mandated by regulations. The company's managements are not allowed to make any forward-looking statements. You need to assess their past performance and read about their journey to profitability to gauge the sincerity of their operation. Despite such restrictions, the IPO filings will help you get the big picture. Companies often hire reputable research firms to give them industry analysis.

The growth momentum in the financial services sector in India is unprecedented, and non-banking finance companies are at the forefront of financial inclusion. The NBFC sector has grown to loan assets under management to ₹48,00,000 crore in 2024-25, from just ₹2,00,000 crore in 2000-01, according to the HDB Financials offer document. While commercial banks account for three-fourths of the loans, their share is rising consistently. They are playing a larger role in financial inclusion. While loans from non-banking financial companies are expensive, they take the risk of lending to people with relatively low credit scores. Retail loans and business loans, which are prevalent in both rural and urban areas, dominate their loan book.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

The draft offer document of Pine Labs, a large FinTech company, reveals that the total market opportunity in India measured in terms of total payment value is expected to grow to ₹280 lakh crore by 2028-29 from ₹91 lakh crore in 2023-24 and ₹19 lakh crore in 2018-19. A key driver for the rapid growth in digital payments is attributed to rising income and spending. The document offers some valuable insights into the FinTech world.

What does it mean to you

If you are new to the world of investing and seeking suitable opportunities, you need to conduct some research. Reading the draft prospectus that companies heading into an IPO file is just the first step. You can gain a comprehensive understanding of the company's business environment, as well as specific details about its financial performance to date, in preparation for your investment decision. Knowledge is an essential tool for your investment journey, and such documents can help you assess the risk and reward profile of your investment.

Zomato founder eyes aviation industry with LAT Aerospace

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DEEPINDER Goyal, the co-founder of food delivery platform Zomato, is now eyeing the regional air travel segment with LAT Aerospace, according to a LinkedIn post by the aerospace start-up co-founder Surobhi Das. The start-up aviation company aims to address the long-standing inefficiencies in short-distance air travel across India.

"While building Zomato and flying across India, Deepinder and I kept circling back to the same question: Why is regional air travel still so broken - expensive, infrequent and mostly out of reach unless you live in a metro? India has 450 + airstrips - but only 150 see commercial flights. That means nearly two-thirds of our aviation potential is being wasted. Meanwhile, millions in Tier 2 and 3 cities spend hours - sometimes days - traveling by road or rail," Das said in the post.

As per reports, the company has raised $50 million, of which $20 million is from Goyal. LAT is now looking to expand its team, with the post calling on aerospace engineers, systems designers, aviation enthusiasts, to join the start-up.

Outlining the vision behind building LAT Aerospace, Surobhi further stated, "Think buses in the sky -- affordable, high-frequency, and designed to connect the places the airline industry overlooked. Our aircraft will take off and land in compact "air-stops" -- no bigger than a parking lot -- built closer to where people live. "No chaos. No security lines. Just walk in and fly". Regional aviation in India is witnessing a resurgence despite recent setbacks. While major players like Air India and IndiGo focus on international expansion by growing their fleets, smaller regional airlines are also scaling up to meet rising demand from domestic markets.

Torrent to buy JB Chemicals for ₹19,500 cr

PTI @ New Delhi

TORRENT Pharmaceuticals on Sunday announced the acquisition of majority stake in J B Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals in a ₹19,500-crore deal that will make it India's second most valued pharma company.

Torrent will acquire 46.39% stake from promoters Tau Investment Holdings Pte Ltd (a unit of global investment firm) for about ₹11,917 crore. It would additionally buy another 2.80% from certain employees of JB Chemicals at the same acquisition price of ₹1,600 per share (totaling ₹719 crore). Post this, it would make an open offer for buying 26% from open market, as per listing norms, at a price of ₹1,639.18 per share (totaling ₹6,842.8 crore).

Government eases rules under biomass programme; cuts down paper work

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has announced comprehensive revisions to its Biomass Programme that includes cutting down on paperwork and easing approval requirements for biomass projects and others. The ministry, in a press note said that these changes are aiming to simplify processes, enhance operational flexibility, and provide robust financial incentives, particularly for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The updated guidelines are applicable from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Ministry anticipates that this simplification will greatly benefit MSMEs, enabling them to enhance production and expedite project development. Notably, developers of briquette and pellet manufacturing plants will see a significant reduction in documentation related to clearance matters. The Biomass Programme is an initiative of the government to promote the sustainable utilisation of biomass resources for energy generation across the country.

In a move towards more accessible and cost-effective monitoring, the new guidelines enable the use of IoT-based solutions or quarterly data submissions, moving away from expensive, high-tech systems like SCADA. This practical step promotes digital accountability while making monitoring more affordable for smaller operators.

A crucial change for project developers is the replacement of the earlier two-year briquette or pellet sale contract requirement with a general sale agreement. This allows businesses to respond more dynamically to market conditions without being constrained by rigid long-term contracts. Additionally, under the new guidelines, projects demonstrating an operational efficiency above 80% will receive full financial support.

FIH Pro League: India women's team suffers 8th straight loss

Already relegated from the FIH Pro League, the Indian women's hockey team squandered a one-goal lead to lose 2-3 against Chine and suffer its eighth consecutive defeat in the event at Berlin on Sunday. The defeat meant India ended at the bottom of the nine-team standings.

Missing quality support system

Too reliant on pace ace Bumrah, India need other bowlers to step up to the plate & deliver

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

SINCE January 2015, India won 23 Test matches overseas including 11 in South Africa, England and Australia. It was during this period that India defeated Australia twice Down Under. The trophy might have been lost now as India went down 1-3 in their recent visit to Australia but it began well when the visitors defeated the hosts by 295 runs in the series opener at Perth in November.

Stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah was the architect of the famous win as he claimed a five-fer in the first innings and followed it up with a three-wicket haul in the next. He was rightly adjudged the player of the match but the speedster was well complemented by fellow Indian bowlers to help India beat Pat Cummins and Co.

The recent loss at Headingley in Leeds against hosts England, however, presented a sorry state of affairs — India's overdependence on the Gujarat pacer — the issue that needs immediate attention. The slinger was at his best with a five-wicket spell as India managed a six-run first innings lead. Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna too chipped in with two and three wickets respectively but went for plenty of runs, opening doors for England batters to cut down the lead. Bumrah's wicket column remained empty in the next essay as England chased down a stiff 371-run target. Incidentally, Bumrah is scheduled to play only three matches of the ongoing series.

Such overreliance on a single bowler was not the case when

India won Tests against the Proteas, England and Australia on their backyards in the past few years. Agreed, Bumrah was the bowling spearhead in most of these wins but other bowlers — both pacers and spinners — played their part to perfection as India outclassed their opponents.

Be it the Johannesburg Test in India's tour of South Africa in 2018 or the Nottingham match a few months later, fellow bowlers shouldered responsibilities with Bumrah to help India register victories. It continued till the Perth Test where Mohammed Siraj, Harshit Rana and Washington Sundar chipped in with a few wickets. Unfortunately, that support went missing in the last few outings.

It's an open secret now with former cricketers expressing their concerns. Former India captain Mohammad Azharuddin echoed the sentiments on Sunday when he said India should reduce the burden on the pace talisman. "They are too dependent on Bumrah. It's not easy because you need more experienced bowlers, and they should play Kuldeep Yadav," Azharuddin told PTI Videos.

In these 11 Test wins between Johannesburg in 2018 and Perth in 2024, all Indian bowlers played their part relieving Bumrah of this burden of being a lynchpin all the time. In their win over South Africa seven years ago, Bumrah was the star performer in the first innings picking up five wickets but it was Bhuvneshwar Kumar who claimed three in the first and one in the second to walk away with the Player of the Match award, thanks to his vital contributions with the willow. Apart from the duo, Mohammed Shami bagged five wickets while Ishant Sharma scalped two in the second innings.

11

matches India won in South Africa, England and Australia since their Johannesburg victory in 2018

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Player of the Match awards went to Indian pacers in these victories. Bumrah won it twice while Bhuvneshwar and Siraj claimed it once each

In Nottingham, Hardik Pandya returned with impressive figures of 5/28 in the first innings with Bumrah (2/37 and Shami 2/32) playing a side role. It was the role reversal in the second innings as Bumrah completed yet another five-wicket haul overseas with India winning the match by 203 runs. Now retired R Ashwin played a huge role in India's win in Adelaide in 2018 as he claimed three wickets apiece in both the innings. Bumrah came to the fore again in the Melbourne victory claiming 6/33 and 3/53 but others including Jadeja (2/45 & 3/82) also made sure Australia worked hard for every run.

Two years later in Melbourne, Bumrah was again the thorn in Aussies' flesh but Ashwin, Siraj and Jadeja too kept their opponents on toes with a handful of wickets. Injury ruled Bumrah out of the Brisbane Test but debutants T Natarajan and Sundar shone with the ball as India conquered fortress Gabba.

The story was almost the same till Perth but something went amiss thereafter. With suspense continuing over Bumrah's participation in the Edgbaston Test starting July 2, other India bowlers need to step up to control the slide and help the team put up a fight to stay alive in the five-match series.

THE WIMBLEDON, THE THIRD GRAND SLAM OF THE YEAR, KICKS OFF TODAY. FAVOURITE CARLOS ALCARAZ WILL START HIS TITLE DEFENCE AGAINST FABIO FOGNINI ON CENTRE COURT. A LOOK AT SOME CONTENDERS IN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SINGLES...

MAJOR SERVICE TAKES CENTRE STAGE

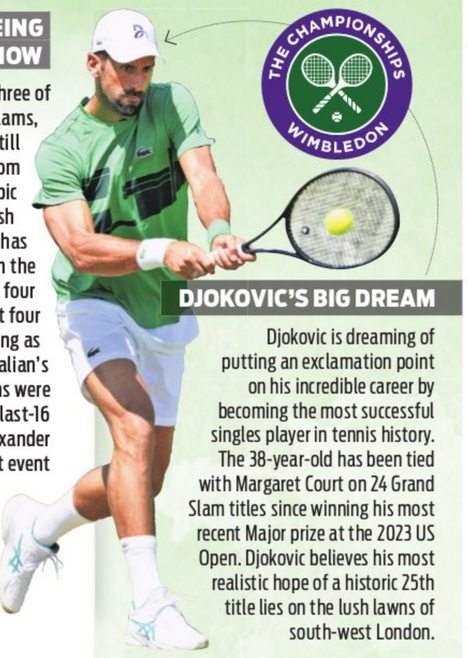
MEN'S SINGLES

THREE IN SIGHT

The 22-year-old Spaniard is aiming to become just the fifth man to win at least three consecutive Wimbledon titles in the Open Era after Bjorn Borg, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Alcaraz, who has beaten Novak Djokovic in the past two finals at the All England Club, returns to Wimbledon on a career-best 18-match winning streak. Alcaraz warmed up for Wimbledon by winning the grass-court event at Queen's Club for the second time.

SINNER EYEING IMPROVED SHOW

Jannik Sinner has won three of the last six Grand Slams, but is still recovering from losing an epic French Open clash with Alcaraz. Sinner has failed to reach the Wimbledon final in his four visits, with a last four appearance in 2023 ranking as his best effort. The Italian's Wimbledon preparations were also dented by a shock last-16 defeat against Alexander Bublik in the grass-court event at Halle. Moreover, he parted with two of his coaching staff on the eve of the event. However, he insisted that it wouldn't affect his game.



DJOKOVIC'S BIG DREAM

Djokovic is dreaming of putting an exclamation point on his incredible career by becoming the most successful singles player in tennis history. The 38-year-old has been tied with Margaret Court on 24 Grand Slam titles since winning his most recent Major prize at the 2023 US Open. Djokovic believes his most realistic hope of a historic 25th title lies on the lush lawns of south-west London.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

KREJCIKOVA SET FOR DEFENCE

Women's singles defending champion Barbora Krejcikova had suffered an injury scare just a few days ago and there were doubts in regards to her participation. But after resting for several days, Krejcikova is confident the injury will not be an impediment to her bid to retain the Venus Rosewater Dish.

COCO, SABALENKA AND MORE

The spotlight will also be on Coco Gauff and Aryna Sabalenka, the two players who were part of French Open final. Sabalenka has never gone beyond the semifinals on the Wimbledon grass and begins her quest for glory against Canadian qualifier Carson Branstine, a player she admitted to having limited knowledge of. Gauff admitted she is in "new territory" as she arrives in London off the back of her first win at Roland Garros and is aiming to get beyond the fourth round at Wimbledon for the first time. Jasmine Paolini, the finalist last year, will also be another player to keep a close eye on.

Monday's Round 1 ties (select)

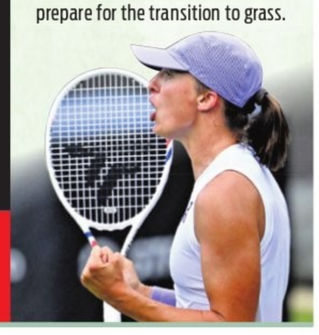
Men's singles: B Bonzi vs D Medvedev; H Rune vs N Jarry; V Royer vs S Tsitsipas; F Fognini vs C Alcaraz; T Fritz vs G Mpetshi Perricard; A Rinderknech vs A Zverev.

Women's singles: A Sabalenka vs C Branstine; J Paolini vs A Sevastova; P Badosa vs K Boulter; K Siniakova vs Q Zheng.

Live on the Star Sports Network from 3:30 pm onwards

SWIATEK SEEKING BETTER SERVICE

Swiatek is yet to win a title this year. Her three-year reign as French Open champion was ended in a semifinal defeat to World No 1 Aryna Sabalenka earlier this month. But a slightly earlier exit from the clay of Roland Garros has allowed Swiatek extra time to prepare for the transition to grass.



Lovlina and Nikhat march into semifinals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LOVLINA Borgohain and Nikhat Zareen are back in business. With the World Championships on the horizon, the country's star boxing duo is looking to harvest much-needed match practice under their belts and be part of contention for the marquee event. Currently part of the ongoing Elite Women's Boxing Tournament at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad, the duo sailed past their respective opponents on Sunday to book semifinal berths.

Two-time world champ Nikhat (51 kg), who was taking part in her second bout of the event, beat Kalpana by 5-0 verdict while Olympic medallist Lovlina (75 kg) eased past Punjab's Krisha Verma with the same score, setting up a clash against Uttar Pradesh's Sneha in the penultimate round.

They are now two hits away from gold. More importantly, given that they were not part of the national championships, they will earn a spot in the national camp and thereby be in the equation for the aforementioned Worlds if they finish in the top-two. This is Nikhat's first competitive bout after the 2024 Paris Games. Lovlina,

Nikhat Zareen

Lovlina Borgohain

meanwhile, had taken part in the National Games earlier this year. Former youth world champion Ankushita Boro also showcased her class, advancing to the last-four stage of the 65 kg category with a clinical 5:0 win over Rajasthan pugilist Parthvi. Other notable quarterfinal results saw Preeti Sai Pawar (54 kg), Jyoti (51 kg) and Devika Ghorpade (51 kg) put up strong performances. Tamil Nadu's V Lakshaya (51kg) also impressed with a 5:0 win over Laxmi Devi while Tanu (54kg), Shashi (65kg) and Yashi Sharma (65kg) also advanced after solid outings.

Young guns Ayush and Tanvi's make net gains

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

INDIAN badminton in the singles category has predominantly been in the shadows in recent times with the country's top shuttlers, including big guns like PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, struggling to gain any sort of momentum. Late on Saturday, two youngsters — Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma — provided some much-needed boost with performances of note at the Mid America Center in USA.

The duo won their respective matches in the US Open, a BWF World Tour Super 300 event, to march into the finals.

Tanvi, who's just 16, got the better of Polina Buhrova of

Tanvi Sharma reacts during her match against Polina Buhrova | BADMINTON PHOTO/BWF

Ukraine in the women's singles semifinals. Tanvi took 34 minutes to beat the seventh seed 21-14, 21-16. With the ageing stars struggling to keep up with the pace of the game, the badminton think-tank in the country has been desperately hoping for young guns to step up. It was not just about the day's result for Tanvi. She had beaten World No 23 and No 2 seed Nguyen Thuy Linh in the opening round before eclipsing two more high-ranked rivals before Saturday's outcome.

A product of BAI's National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati, Tanvi was scheduled to face top seed Beiwen Zhang of USA in the final late on Sunday (IST).

Ayush, meanwhile, beat World No 6 and No 1 seed Chou Tien-Chen of Chinese Taipei 21-23, 21-15, 21-14 to book a ticket for the final. The 20-year-old from Karnataka was scheduled to face a familiar opponent in Brian Yang of Canada in the final. The duo had crossed paths twice in May with Ayush coming out on top in both the occasions.

EXPRESS READ

Suruchi maintains hot streak to clinch trials

DEHRADUN: Suruchi Singh pipped Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker to win the women's 10m pistol event at the national selection trials for Group 'A' athletes while Navy marksman Niraj Kumar completed a double in the 50m rifle 3 positions men's competition on Sunday. In a star-studded final, Suruchi finished with a score of 245.6, 1.1 better than Bhaker who shot 244.5 to finish in second place.

AFI extends coach registration deadline

NEW DELHI: The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has set July 31 deadline for mandatory registration of all the coaches — qualified and unqualified — in the country in its bid to tackle spiralling doping cases, making it clear that non compliance of the directive will lead to their blacklisting. The AFI said that unregistered coaches will not be permitted to impart training to athletes.

Bhatia fires 4 straight birdies in 3rd round

DETROIT: Akshay Bhatia, who made the cut on the line, produced four birdies in a row in the late stages of his third round as he shot 2-under 70 and moved to 8-under for three days at the Rocket Classic here. Bhatia, who has had rounds of 68-70-70, was placed tied 55th. Bhatia is currently 40th on the FedEx Cup standings and the top 70 will qualify for the first of the three events in the play-offs.

Maharaj 1st SA spinner to take 200 Test wkts

BULAWAYO: Stand-in skipper Keshav Maharaj became the first spinner from South Africa to take 200 Test wickets, reaching the landmark on Day 2 of the first match against Zimbabwe here. The 35-year-old, who has been playing Test cricket for the past nine years, has gradually grown into the team's lead spinner. Maharaj achieved the feat when he dismissed Craig Ervine in the 34th over.

AUSTRIAN GP

Norris holds off Piastri to take top spot

AGENCIES @ Spielberg (Austria)

LANDO Norris resisted vigorous attacks from teammate and championship leader Oscar Piastri to claim a masterful McLaren 1-2 in Sunday's Austrian Grand Prix. In torrid heat at the Red Bull Ring, the 25-year-old Briton came home 2.695 seconds clear of the 24-year-old Australian to trim his lead in the title race by 15 points. It was Norris's first win in Austria, his third win this year and the seventh of his career. It was McLaren's first win in Austria since David Coulthard triumphed in 2001.

The McLaren pair battled throughout the race to provide thrilling racing for the packed crowd and put behind them their collision in Canada two weeks earlier. Charles Leclerc was third ahead of his Ferrari teammate seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton with George Russell finishing fifth for Mercedes. Liam Lawson came in a career-best sixth for RB on a desultory day for the senior Red Bull team after four-time champion Max Verstappen retired on the opening lap after being hit by Kimi Antonelli.

TALE OF INSPIRATION

How chocolates had a hand in Rajdeep becoming a rugger

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

FOR a 10-year-old Rajdeep Saha, an appreciation in the form of chocolate at the end of every rugby game at an NGO ground in Kolkata was motivating enough to get better at the game with each passing day. Given the hard yards he had put in, he earned a call-up to the Indian national rugby team when he was only 18.

Five years on, Saha is already part of the growing lore of rugby in the country, by being part of the inaugural Rugby Premier League (RPL). He represented Delhi Redz in the tournament. Despite their underwhelming start in the league, Delhi pulled off an incredible upset against table-toppers Hyderabad Heroes in the semifinal to enter the summit clash, which they lost 0-41 against Chennai Bulls. Irrespective of the loss, Saha and his team can still go home with their heads held high. Playing from the back, Saha has one try (5 points) to his name, and has done well, with limited opportunities he got throughout the tournament.

Saha's story, that makes him who he is today, is full of passion and inspiration. It all started in Kolkata's Don Bosco Ashalayam where he was picked up for rugby program.

Hailing from Azimganj in Murshidabad district, West Bengal, he endured a tough childhood. Losing his mother at a young age, Saha grew up in the Ashalayam, before being selected by former British Diplomat Paul Walsh for an NGO named Future Hope's 'Khelo

West Bengal's Rajdeep Saha in action | GMR RPL MEDIA

Rugby,' program. The program aims to impart education through the game of rugby. "I grew with 5000 kids there in Kolkata," Saha told this daily before Sunday's final. "The parents of those kids used to call their children, and addressed me as 'beta' (son) whenever they spoke to me. In a way I don't miss my mother. Now I have 5000 families," he said.

The national rugby player was excited to play with foreigners in the RPL. "I have played in countries like Singapore, South Africa, Argentina, Kenya and the United States. It feels good to play with these overseas players. The best part is, we used to watch them play on phone but now we are playing with them, and learning their tricks as well," he said.

The 23-year old explained the importance of Rugby in his life as once he even contemplated taking up jobs with meagre pay. "It might have been a different story altogether, but a chocolate and rugby changed my life. Even if one offers me a lot of money, I will still choose rugby. Even if the government does not fund the national team, I will still stick with Rugby," he said. Saha also hopes his journey to the Indian team will motivate youngsters to take up sport. **Results: Final:** Chennai Bulls 41-0 Delhi Redz; 2nd runners-up: Bengaluru Bravehearts 12 - 17 Hyderabad Heroes.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Christopher Nkunku (R) celebrates after scoring the second goal | AFP

Nkunku's extra-time goal sparks Chelsea to 4-1 win

AGENCIES @ Charlotte

CHELSEA beat Benfica in a game which went on for close to five hours at the Club World Cup on Saturday to set up a quarter-final showdown with Brazilian side Palmeiras at the tournament in the United States. The London club were grateful to extra-time goals by Christopher Nkunku, Pedro Neto and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall to give them a 4-1 victory over Benfica.

Their late burst of scoring settled a last-16 tie which took four hours, 39 minutes to complete at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium in North Carolina after a near two-hour weather delay.

FROM COAL TO CODE

THE FUTURE IS MINING IT DHANBAD IS HOW

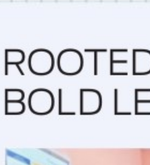
ROOTED IN THE MINES, RACING TOWARD MARS AND AI — WITH GLOBAL RESEARCH, VIBRANT STUDENT CULTURE, AND BOLD LEADERSHIP — IIT (ISM) DHANBAD IS REWRITING THE IIT SAGA AS IT NEARS 100 YEARS, FINDS **SAUMYA SOLANKI**

An environment that allows for innovation and interaction is this IIT's strength

STUDENTS' VOICES

ANISHA KUMARI, BTech

The healthy environment between the professors and students helps in engaging and clearing the doubts, if any. And the labs are well-equipped with proper advanced instruments. Profs and assistants try to engage in small groups to interrelate theory with practical knowledge.



DURGA PRASAD, BTech

The cooperative culture on the campus helps students in building the best version of themselves and interact with seniors without any fear.

ANISHA SHARMA, BTech

The studious environment of the library, with pin-drop silence and properly spaced-out arrangement of tables, makes it one of the best places to read and learn with friends at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad for me.

Research & innovation hub

MAJOR ONGOING PROJECTS

SPACE TECHNOLOGY
- AI-powered expert agent for mission operations (ISRO-funded)
- Led by Prof Saurabh Srivastava
- Enables seamless data analysis for satellite operations

HEALTHCARE INNOVATION
- Low-cost AI system for osteoporosis detection using radiographic images
- Led by Prof Arup Kumar Pal
- Supported by Indian Council of Medical Research

CYBERSECURITY
- AI framework to detect state-sponsored cyberattacks on government infrastructure
- Led by Prof Nikhil Tripathi

ADVANCED AI RESEARCH
- Cross-lingual NLP explainability (Prof Ayan Das)
- AI and blockchain-based business solutions (Prof Rajendra Pamula)
- Security enhancements for Fog-IoT networks (Prof Pranav Bisht)

SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY
- Repurposing EV batteries for multiple applications (Prof Pranay Kumar Saha)
- Hyperspectral imaging in mining for liquid chemical analysis

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
- Hands-on projects in Natural Language Processing and Explainable AI
- Deep involvement in faculty-led research initiatives

A century-old legacy in mining to now a multidisciplinary hub

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Director lays out a bold vision for Mining 4.0, clean energy innovation, and global partnerships, as the century-old institute redefines its legacy for a sustainable and technology-driven India

Prof Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

What are the unique strengths or focus areas of IIT Dhanbad?
IIT (ISM) Dhanbad stands out among IITs for its century-old legacy in Mining and Earth Sciences. Having been established in 1926 on the model of the Royal School of Mines, London, it continues to lead nationally in disciplines such as Mining Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, and Applied Geology, with its Earth Science programmes among the best globally.

A pioneer in Mining 4.0, IIT (ISM) integrates AI, automation, and digitalisation into resource engineering. Its 17 specialised research centres focus on clean energy, sustainable mining, and water resource management.

What is the institute doing to strengthen industry partnerships and improve student employability?
IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is proactively building strong industry linkages and enhancing student employability through strategic initiatives.

Strengthening industry partnerships: The institute fosters collaboration through industry-sponsored research projects and promotes the use of CSR funding for lab development, research, and start-up support. Its Industry Connect Program hosts guest lectures, seminars, and workshops.

Improving student employability: A major curriculum overhaul has ensured academic programmes are industry-aligned, and supplemented by advanced research facilities and labs. The Career Development Centre (CDC) plays a central role in placements, internships, and career guidance. Industry-oriented training, including hands-on projects and assessments, is embedded across programmes. The start-up ecosystem nurtures entrepreneurial ambitions through incubation support.

How is IIT Dhanbad supporting the holistic development of students?
The institute offers vibrant student-led clubs and societies, encouraging students to pursue diverse interests. Events like Concetto (techno-management fest) and Srijan (socio-cultural fest) are organised by students and offer platforms for innovation and expression.

The Students' Gymkhana enables participatory governance, allowing students to develop leadership skills. There are experiential learning opportunities, such as internships and, global research exposure, and an emphasis on values education.

What are your top priorities or goals for the next five years at IIT Dhanbad?
As IIT (ISM) Dhanbad approaches its centenary in 2026 and continues to gain global recognition — most notably securing the first position in India and 20th globally in Mineral and Mining Engineering in QS Rankings — our priorities over the next five years is to focus on consolidating this upward trajectory.

At the same time, emphasis will be laid on translating research into societal impact, strengthening industry partnerships, fostering entrepreneurship, and expanding leadership in critical mineral exploration.

Iconic events at IIT (ISM)

- **Srijan**, the annual socio-cultural festival, stands as a colourful celebration of student creativity and talent. It features a wide range of events, including debates, storytelling, poetry slams, and literary competitions, along with cultural performances and interactive workshops. Attracting participation from institutions nationwide, Srijan fosters an atmosphere of expression and camaraderie. Started in 1977, initially known as Saturnalia, it has evolved into a vibrant celebration of talent, known as one of the biggest festivals in Eastern India.

- **Basant**, the official alumni reunion, is an emotionally charged event that welcomes back graduates from five decades ago. The campus comes alive with cultural shows, sports activities, and Kavi Sammelans, organised by student clubs. It also hosts the annual ISMAA meet, aligning alumni support with institutional goals, and promotes charitable initiatives.

- In the domain of sports, **Parakram**, the institute's flagship sports festival, is among the most anticipated events nationally. The three-day fest features a series of high-energy competitions across multiple sports, accompanied by attractive prizes and spirited participation.

- The technical prowess of IIT (ISM) comes to the fore during **Concetto**, the annual techno-management fest. With robotics, coding, entrepreneurship, and innovation events, it provides a platform for young minds to test and expand their technical knowledge.

- **Hackfest**, a 36-hour national-level hackathon, brings together budding coders and developers to solve real-world problems through technology, offering a launchpad for internships, networking, and innovation.

- Lastly, **Khanan**, India's largest mining fest, connects students with the industry through panel discussions, guest lectures, and case competitions, making it a cornerstone event for mining & allied disciplines.

Together, these events encapsulate the dynamic student life that defines IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's legacy and future.

CSE Lab

Placement trends and challenges

Participation
1,687 — Total registered students
1,389 — Active participants

Package details
₹17.56 — Average package (LPA)
₹13.38 — Median package (LPA)

PLACEMENT RATES BY PROGRAM
MSc Tech: 72.37% (highest)
BTech: 69.97%

OFFER BREAKDOWN
- **Pre-Placement Offers (PPOs):** 237 made, 211 accepted
- **National offers:** 928
- **International offers:** 24
- **PSU offers:** 66
- **Total participating companies:** 200+

MAJOR RECRUITERS
- Microsoft
- Google
- Tata Motors
- Schlumberger

RECRUITMENT PROCESS
- Pre-placement talks (PPTs)
- Online assessments
- Group discussions
- Personal interviews

CAREER DEVP'T CENTER'S ROLE
- Liaison between recruiters and students
- Managing offer acceptances based on student preferences
- Supporting skill enhancement initiatives

CHALLENGES FACED
- Limited participation in specialised/research-oriented domains
- Lower response in niche skill requirement branches
- Market saturation in specific areas

INDUSTRY TRENDS 2025
- High demand for data science profiles
- Strong interest in software engineering roles
- Core engineering positions in demand
- Notable growth in sustainability sector
- Increased focus on EV technology

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

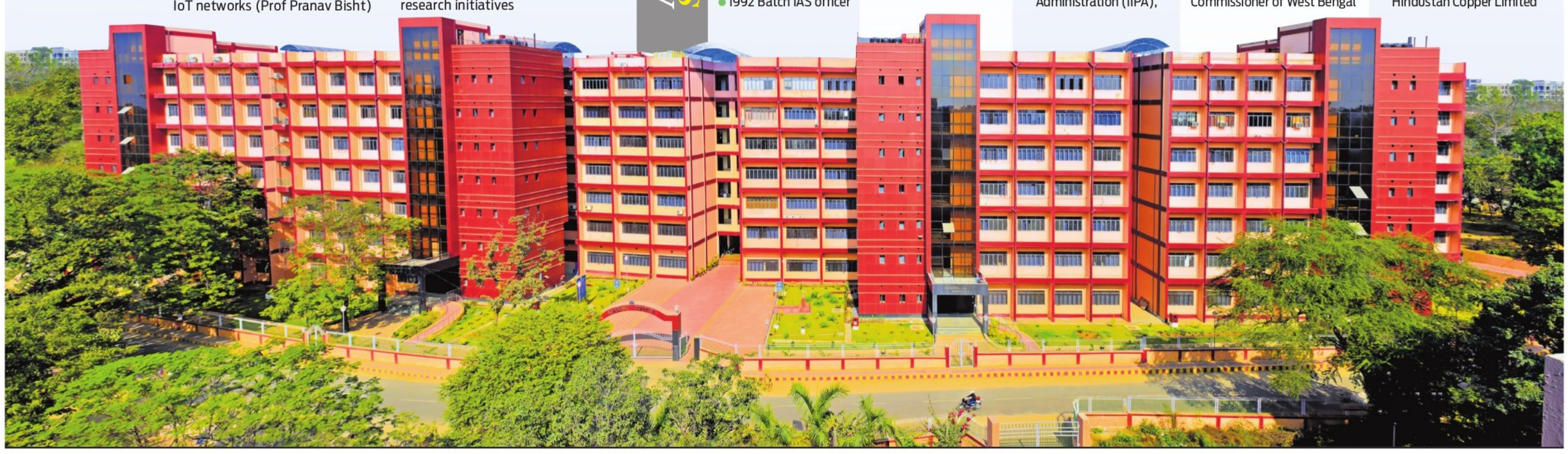
KAP Sinha
- BTech Mining (1989)
- Chief Secretary of Punjab
- 1992 Batch IAS officer

Rajeshwar Singh
- BTech Mining (1995)
- MLA of Lucknow

Amitabh Ranjan
- Petroleum Engineering (1993)
- Registrar of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA),

Ajit Ranjan Bardhan
- Applied Geology (1986) and Mineral Exploration (1987) from IIT (ISM)
- Vigilance Commissioner of West Bengal

Sanjiv Kumar Singh
- BTech and MTech in Open Cast Mine Planning
- Chairman cum Managing Director, Hindustan Copper Limited



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DAY'S DIARY

Book published

Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*, a best-selling novel and the basis for a blockbuster 1939 movie, was published in 1936

AN INSTANT HIT

The book caused a sensation in Atlanta and went on to sell millions of copies in the US and throughout the world. The book drew criticism for its whitewashed depictions of slavery

ACCOLADES

Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1937, and by that time a movie project was already in the works. The rights to the book was bought for $50,000

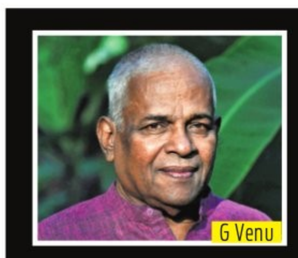
DEATH

Though she didn't take part in the film adaptation of her book, Mitchell did attend its premiere in December 1939 in Atlanta. She died just 10 years later

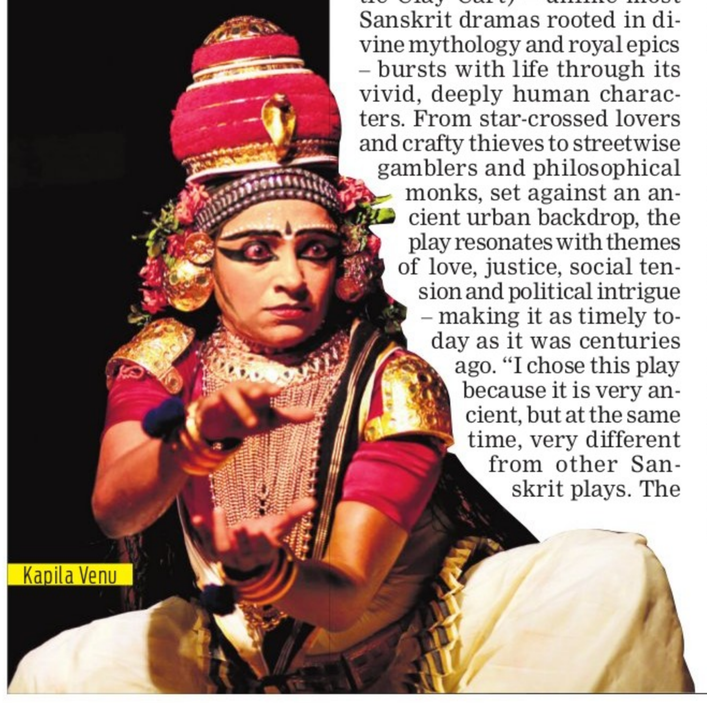
CE's guide to happenings in the city

PG 2

Kutiyattam veteran G Venu's latest production of the Sanskrit play *Mrcchakatikam* is set for its world premiere



TALE BEYOND TIME



ROMAL LAISRAM

BENGALURU is set to witness an extraordinary cultural event as the timeless Sanskrit classic *Mrcchakatikam* takes to the stage in the awe-inspiring tradition of Kutiyattam – one of the world's oldest living theatre forms. Directed by G Venu, a pioneer in reviving and sustaining this ancient art, the production by Natanakairali is set to make its world premiere in the city, marking a milestone in contemporary Indian classical theatre.

Presented by Bhoomija, with support from the Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies Foundation, *Mrcchakatikam* (The Little Clay Cart) – unlike most Sanskrit dramas rooted in divine mythology and royal epics – bursts with life through its vivid, deeply human characters. From star-crossed lovers and crafty thieves to streetwise gamblers and philosophical monks, set against an ancient urban backdrop, the play resonates with themes of love, justice, social tension and political intrigue – making it as timely today as it was centuries ago. "I chose this play because it is very ancient, but at the same time, very different from other Sanskrit plays. The main characters here are ordinary people – not kings or gods. Also, the culture depicted in the play is quite ideal. That 2,000 years ago, the author, Sudraka, was thinking about women's freedom and other progressive ideas left me with a yearning to produce it for a long time," begins Venu.

The production features prominent personalities like Sooraj Nambiar, Pothiyil Ranjith Chakyar, Kapila Venu [daughter of G Venu], Margi Sajeev Narayanan Chakyar, Saritha Krishnakumar and Kalamandalam Jishnu Prathap to name a few. Also featured are Nepathya Sreehari Chakyar, Sankar Venkateswaran, Margi Anjana Sajeev, Gurukulam Tharun and Arun Kapila, among others.

"I've done lots of work with my father. He has directed me in several productions and what's been significant in his directorial ventures is that he always ensures female characters and actors share equal space with male actors. That's been very meaningful to me personally as a female practitioner," says Kapila Venu.

"This play is particularly interesting because, generally, female characters in Sanskrit literature tend to be quite stereotypical. But here, Vasantasena, the leading lady, is an empowered woman. She's a courtesan – wealthy, intelligent, independent, generous, compassionate, and she has agency. It's a very radical play for its time," she adds.

Enhanced with English subtitles, stirring abhinaya, and live percussion, the production features Kalamandalam Rajeev, Kalamandalam Hariharan, Kalamandalam Narayanan Nambiar, and Kalamandalam Vineesh on the mizhavu; Kalanilayam Unnikrishnan on edakka; and Gurukulam Athulya on thaalam.

"Producing a play like this is an expensive affair, and we rarely get to take Kutiyattam performances outside Kerala. The Bhoomija Trust played a crucial role in making this production possible and I hope Bengaluru receives it well," Venu concludes.

(The play will be staged on July 1 and 2, 7.30 pm onwards, at Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar. Tickets priced at ₹300 onwards)

MU-SYNCH FOR THE SOUL

French-Caribbean musician David Walters speaks to *CE* about his visit to the city for a performance, collaborations with Indian musicians, and music as a medium of healing

ANJALI RAM

IT is a known factor that the universal language of music knows no bounds – bridging cultures and connecting people from all walks of life. Known for blending Afro-Caribbean rhythms with funk and global grooves, French-Caribbean musician **David Walters** is an example of this phenomenon, of creating music which resonates with audience from diverse backgrounds. He recently brought it to the city as part of the Fête de la Musique festival, held at Alliance Francaise de Bangalore on Friday, as a part of his Indian tour. "I was surprised to receive such a warm welcome from an audience that barely knows me, an audience of all ages, from children as young as three years old to those in their 80s, 20s, and entire families. These are real encounters with the audience – baths of joy," he shares.

For Walters, music is a deeply emotional process. "What inspires me is what I experience. I draw from lived experiences – moments of love, loss, melancholy, joy, and rebirth. My deepest inspirations come from these emotions – they are numerous and infinite," he shares. This philosophy is reflected in his aim – to bring along and blend global influences in music. "Caribbean rhythms are naturally part of me – they are in my DNA – and when I combine them with global influences, like Indian folk or soul from the '70s, it becomes a fusion of emotions and experiences," Walters notes.

Collaboration and cultural exchange are central to Walters' process. "I've worked with artistes like Seun Kuti, Flavia Coelho, Keziah Jones, and many others – all born out of real human encounters," he says. His recent collaboration with Indian classical musicians, including Rajasthan Roots, has been a revelation. "Indian music carries immense depth, tradition, and learning. Working with them has taken me out of my comfort zone in the best way," he adds.

For Walters, live performance is more than just entertainment; it's a way to heal and connect with others. "Music for me is more than sound; it's a space of expression and healing. And dance helps us heal, it cares and uplifts us – just like music. They are not opposed but complementary," he emphasises, adding, "Also, I like to leave space for the musicians I play with to express themselves. The voice may be the first instrument, but I believe that instruments, silence, and emotion also speak deeply. That honesty on stage is what allows for a real connection."

Currently touring around the nation with an aim to engage in intimate musical residencies with local folk musicians, Walters hints at potential collaborations with more Indian musicians. "I do hope to stay longer in India someday to record with Indian musicians – there's a soulful connection between India and the Caribbean, not just musically but culturally too, especially considering the Indian diaspora in the Caribbean since colonial times," he concludes.

With the Karnataka govt proposing an increase in maximum working hours, the city's professionals weigh in on the implications

Tick...Tick...Boom

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WITH news of the state government considering a proposal to increase maximum work hours from 9 hours to 10 hours with overtime going up to 12 hours a day, IT employees in the city are decrying a lack of work-life balance while others note that it's not a big change in an already hectic environment. IT, HR and healthcare professionals weigh in on the impact that such a change would have and propose ways to make it work for both companies and employees.

SHIFFA JEELANI, content writer

As a 24-year-old woman, longer hours could mean late-night commutes which are not always safe, and losing out on time that should be spent with family, on hobbies, or simply resting. This isn't just a professional issue, it affects our lives on a deeper level. I'd be more fatigued, less creative, and constantly in survival mode. Good work doesn't come from exhaustion.

NAVEEN PARAMESHWARAIAH, director at a leading IT company

Most of us senior employees have about 10 to 12 hours of work, so this change doesn't have a great bearing on us. Junior folks who are worried about work-life balance often need to plan better, it can be done in nine hours. There is reluctance to work beyond nine hours among mid-level and junior folks and they are refusing additional responsibilities, but the job is such that if you don't shape up, then you will be shipped out. Lesser work days are seen in Nordic countries that are largely self-sufficient. But India is rising fast and in order to catch up with the West, we need to put in that extra bit of effort. I think this [comparison with Europe] is setting a dangerous trend – you tend to become a lazy nation.

DR. NAREN RAO, psychiatrist

An increase in work timings can significantly elevate stress levels among employees. This change could especially impact working parents and caregivers, who already juggle professional and domestic responsibilities. The erosion of quality family time can strain relationships and affect overall life satisfaction. The additional hour may seem minor in isolation, but cumulatively, it chips away at personal time, leading to burnout in the long run. Moreover, a longer workday does not automatically translate to better output. Instead, it risks creating a culture where overwork is normalised, often at the expense of employee morale and health.

LITTY CHACKO, HR professional

This is a small tweak but it fundamentally reshapes expectations around the time and availability of your employees. Some companies might shift from three balanced shifts to two extended ones, which could lead to increased fatigue and decreased efficiency. Companies may also struggle to find top-tier or Gen Z talent who increasingly demand flexibility, meaningful work and proper boundaries. Lastly, there are risks of lowered employee retention, employees may simply leave or look for better opportunities. This move is out of step with global momentum in European countries where they are adopting four-day work weeks, which have shown increased productivity and reduced burnout. If this is implemented thoughtfully with the flexibility to choose 10-hour working days in exchange for a shorter week, that might appeal to some but for that to work, proper safeguards and clear opt-in and opt-out rights need to be outlined.

DR. SRINIVAS JANAM, internal medicine consultant

My initial response was one of concern from a public health standpoint. The IT sector already sees high rates of sedentary lifestyles, mental stress, and irregular sleep patterns. Physically, extended sitting time is associated with musculoskeletal problems. It also raises the risk of developing lifestyle-related conditions such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular issues. We may see a rise in chronic health problems within the workforce. We, at DHEE Hospitals, are seeing more cases of anxiety disorders and depressive symptoms among professionals who struggle with work-life balance. Increased work hours could push many beyond their capacity to cope.

AVIRUPA CHAKRABORTY, data analyst

Even with the existing working hours, people nowadays don't have the time to look after themselves. It will become difficult for us to take care of our well-being and balance our personal as well as our professional lives – we might even get detached from our loved ones. It is quite evident that these kinds of proposals are made without even thinking about the employees who are already devoting extra hours of work. Companies should not just say that they care about employees, they they should prove it by not implementing such proposals.

RELATED COLUMN ON P3

CITY READ

Exhibition to celebrate Indian healing tradition

An exhibition titled Sacred Science: Tracing the Threads of Ancient Healing, will be held from July 1 to July 4 at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi, to commemorate Doctors' Day. Conceptualised by filmmaker Maya Chandra and co-curated by cultural enthusiast Radha Rao, it features visual and archival displays of India's healing traditions and honours 30 doctors from South Bengaluru. Lectures will be given by Shatavadhani Ganesh and Dr Gowri Subhramanya on 'Titbits of Healing from the Vedas & Puranas' and ' Nature and Food as Medicine'. The gallery will be open to the public from 10am to 7pm.

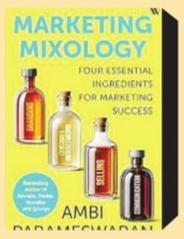
BACK WITH A BANG

Popular comedian Urooj Ashfaq regales Bengaluru audiences with her new show 'It's Funny to Me', at Phoenix Mall of Asia, Yelahanka

BOOK NOOK

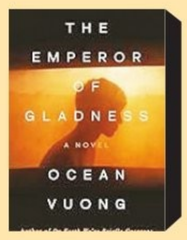
The Last Bench
By Adhir Biswas

The book is a poignant memoir that delves into the author's childhood experiences as a Dalit refugee in West Bengal. The narrative unfolds through the eyes of a boy who faces societal discrimination and exclusion, symbolised by his relegation to the last bench in school. Despite these challenges, he navigates the complexities of identity, belonging, and resilience.



Marketing Mixology
By Ambi Parameswaran

Drawing from over three decades of experience in advertising and brand building, Parameswaran offers insights into how these components interact to create impactful marketing campaigns. The book identifies four key ingredients – branding, consumer understanding, selling, and communication.



The Emperor of Gladness
By Ocean Vuong

The journey of 19-year-old Hai, a Vietnamese-American grappling with addiction and suicidal thoughts, takes a turn when he becomes the caregiver for an 82-year-old Lithuanian widow with dementia. The book explores generational trauma, identity, and survival.

Water Days
By Sundar Sarukkai

It is a novel that delves into the complexities of identity, memory, and belonging. Through a tapestry of stories, the author explores themes of migration, displacement, and the search for meaning in a rapidly changing world.

SWIRL IN STYLE

Biker performs stunts at the World Motorcycle Day 2025 event organised by the Association of Biking India at Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICKFIX

SPECIAL CHICKEN LIVER PATE

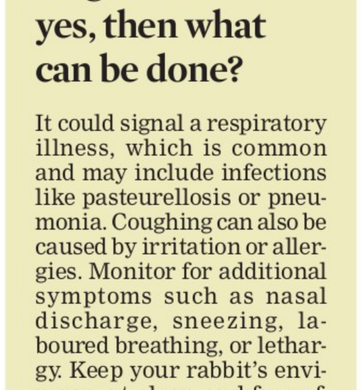
INGREDIENTS

- **Chicken livers, cleaned:** 500 g
- **Unsalted butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Brandy:** 1 tbsp
- **Chicken stock:** 4 cups
- **Yellow onion, minced:** 1 cup
- **Hard-boiled eggs:** 2

METHOD

- In a pan over medium-high heat, add the livers and stock and bring to a boil. Lower the heat to maintain a simmer and cook until the livers are firm but still faintly pink at the centre for 6-8 minutes. Reserving the cooking liquid, transfer the livers to a food processor, and set it aside.
- Over high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently until translucent and just beginning to brown for 6-8 minutes. Transfer the onions to the food processor, add ¼ cup of the reserved liver cooking liquid along with the brandy and eggs and process until smooth.
- Season to taste with salt and pepper, transfer to a jar, and chill until ready to serve, at least four hours or up to three days. Serve on toast.

Contributed by **Diya Bose,** Delhi



DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My rabbit has been coughing unusually for the last two days. Is it a sign of illness? If yes, then what can be done?

It could signal a respiratory illness, which is common and may include infections like pasteurellosis or pneumonia. Coughing can also be caused by irritation or allergies. Monitor for additional symptoms such as nasal discharge, sneezing, laboured breathing, or lethargy. Keep your rabbit's environment clean and free of dust. Maintain a stable temperature to minimise stress. It's crucial to seek veterinary care promptly, as respiratory issues can worsen quickly. A rabbit-experienced vet can diagnose the problem accurately and provide the necessary treatment for a safe recovery.

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

BHARMANASANA VARIATION SIDE STRETCH (TABLE TOP POSE VARIATION SIDE STRETCH)

This is a foundational beginner-level posture that helps practitioners understand proper alignment of the arms and feet, which is crucial for progressing to more advanced poses. It is suitable for postnatal women, sportspersons, teenagers, and dancers. It serves as a transitional pose and offers a consistent strengthening effect on the arms, shoulders, elbows, wrists, chest, and upper, middle, and lower back. It is also beneficial for flat feet and moderately engages the core, improving balance.

STEPS

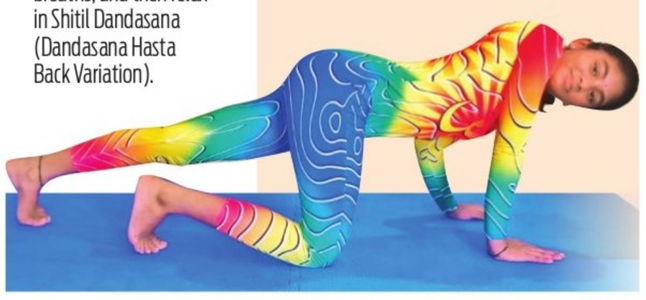
- Begin in Bharmanasana (Table Top Pose).
- Slowly lift your left leg off the mat. Keep breathing steadily. Extend the leg fully, toes curled.
- At this stage, it begins to resemble Phalakasana (Plank Pose). Beginners who find full plank challenging can start here before progressing.
- Hold the pose for as long as it is comfortable. Engage your core to deepen the effect and extend your hold time. Ensure the right knee remains grounded. Inhale, bring your left foot towards the right, extending it beyond. Continue to breathe, and gently turn your head to look at the left foot. The left side stretches, while the right side contracts. The neck experiences a mild side stretch.
- After holding for a few breaths, return the left foot to centre and bring the knee down into Bharmanasana. Repeat on the right side.
- Release into Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose), take a few calming breaths, and then relax in Shitil Dandasana (Dandasana Hasta Back Variation).

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the arms, shoulders, elbows, wrists, chest, and entire back.
- Provides passive spinal toning, supports the lumbar spine.
- Offers a gentle stretch to relieve neck stiffness and is beneficial for cervical spondylitis.
- Expands the intercostal muscles and improves lung capacity through rhythmic breathing.
- Teaches spatial understanding needed for other yoga postures.
- A core-strengthening asana that builds both upper and lower body strength.
- Enhances mental endurance, focus, and confidence.
- Suitable for vinyasa flows, particularly in sequences targeting the core and for postnatal recovery.
- Beneficial for athletes due to full-body strengthening.
- Can serve as therapeutic support for flat feet.
- Helps relieve mild depression and promotes calmness and balance.

LIMITATIONS

- Not suitable for individuals with injuries in the knees, hips, shoulders, wrists, or ankles, or those who have undergone surgery involving the spine, hips, shoulders, or wrists.
- Should be avoided by those with weak joints, migraine, vertigo, dizziness, trauma, anxiety, or balance disorders.
- Seniors and pregnant women are advised not to practise this pose due to joint sensitivity and the demands of core engagement.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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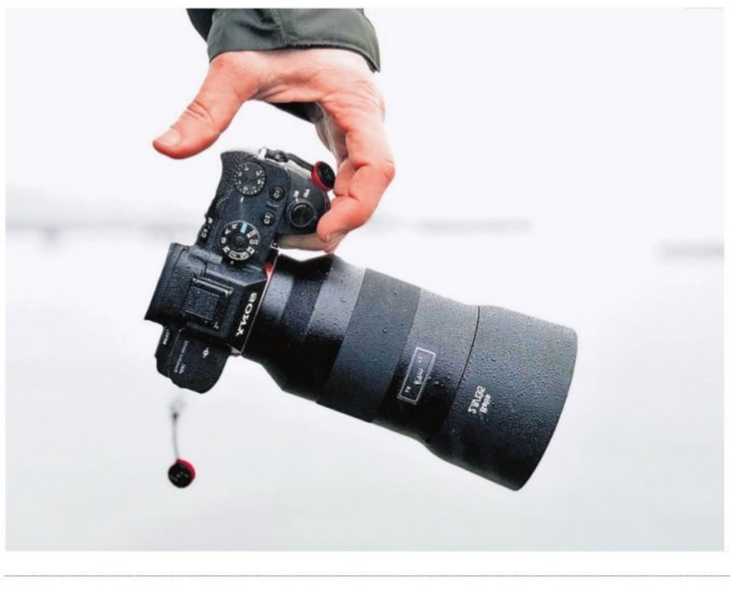
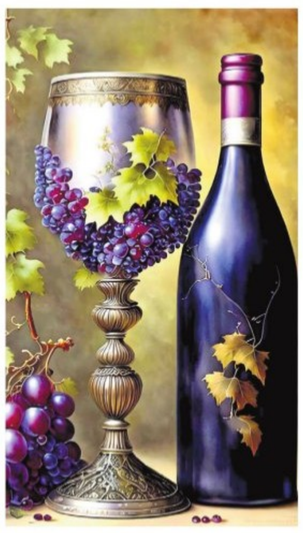


Capture Your Moment

Book a professional photoshoot whether you're single, a couple, or just want a few great shots. No fancy setups – just natural moments, and the event promises to guide you through poses to make it easy and fun. The shoots will cover four different themed locations, and you get the entire camera roll plus four edited photos for ₹2,500.

WHEN: June 30, 12.30pm
WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
CALL: 99722 33808



Bottling Art

Learn the basics of decoupage art using printed sheets on upcycled glass bottles in this session. Create functional decor pieces for your home. All materials will be provided at the event; no prior experience is needed.

WHEN: July 1, 11am onwards
WHERE: StoryZone, HSR Layout
CALL: 73491 51504

Gentle Practice

Feeling stressed or overwhelmed? Join this meditation session to gently explore themes like forgiveness and stress through guided practice. Sit together, breathe, and take a moment for yourself.

WHEN: June 30, 7pm
WHERE: Namma Ashram, Whitefield
DETAILS: allevents.in

Mindful Making

Take your kids to explore a new craft or hands-on activity through guided sessions designed to engage and build skills. The event includes creative work with materials like clay, paper, and soil, blending learning into the making.

WHEN: June 30, 10am
WHERE: Fired Up, Whitefield
CALL: 72042 68464

Laughs Over Lattes

How about an evening filled with coffee, cupcakes, sandwiches and live comedy? Join this event which promises a gathering where every bite comes alongwith a punchline.

WHEN: June 30, 8pm
WHERE: Glens Bakehouse, Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Paint & Explore

Experience a free painting demo session designed to introduce drawing, painting, and craft in an open setting. Learn through a guided activity. A simple way to explore your interest in art.

WHEN: June 30, 12.30pm
WHERE: Bini Art Classes, Bommanahalli
CALL: 96327 69694

Power Punch

Step into the world of MMA with beginner-friendly sessions that cover striking, grappling, and self-defence techniques. Classes combine movement, cardio, and strength training to build coordination and control.

WHEN: June 30, 8.30pm
WHERE: NY Knockout Academy, Ranka Colony Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

VILLAGE VISTAS

Coimbatore-based artist Navaneeth Gopalan captures the scenic beauty of Kaviripoom Pattinam village in Tamil Nadu through his watercolour canvas

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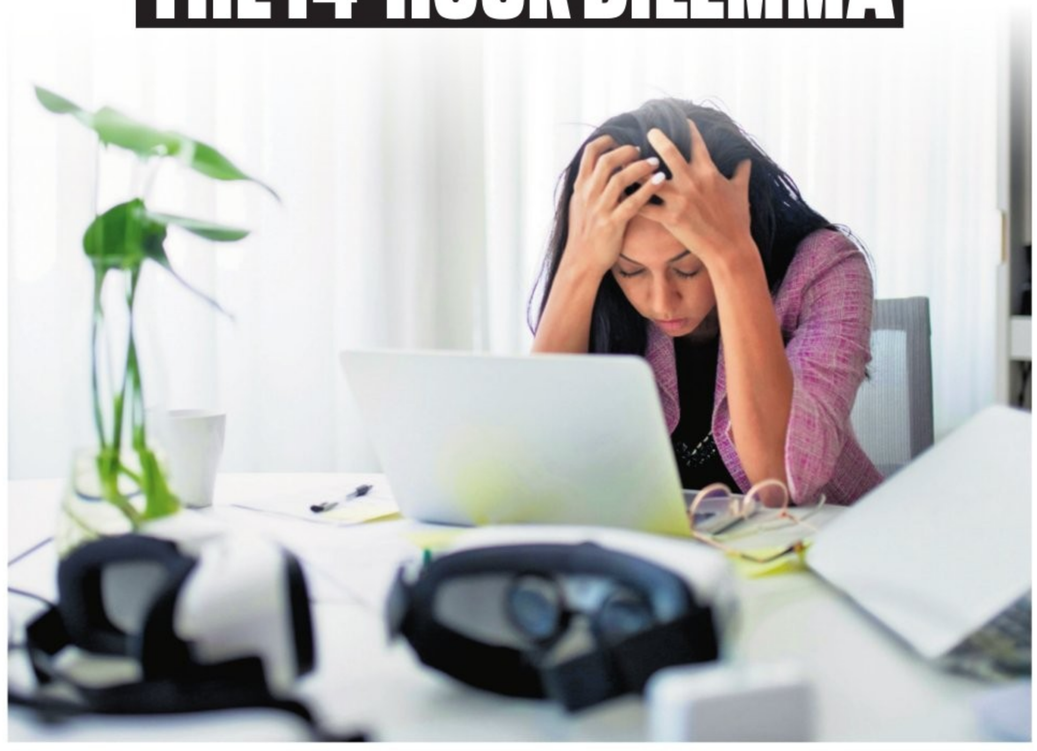

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon
(Writer, comedian)

THE Karnataka government recently proposed amendments that could impact the workforce behind the IT capital of India. The proposal allows for up to 12-hour workdays, inclusive of overtime. The government has cited 'ease of doing business' as one of the reasons and clarified that it won't override the 48-hours-per-week limit that already exists. But IT unions have complained that it could be tantamount to 'modern slavery', diminish work-life balance, and cause mental agony and stress.

What do I think of the entire issue? Honestly, as I get older, I realise that it isn't necessary to have opinions on everything. I don't belong to the IT world and have never really had a steady desk job in the last two decades. I make my living as a writer, far removed from the worlds of salaries, appraisals and hikes. So, I don't intend to 'IT-splain' my point on behalf of my IT brethren and sisterhood. At the same time, I can't feign ignorance of the anxiety-filled state of affairs in the IT domain. ChatGPT and AI – futuristic, sci-fi boons for writers like me – are a huge threat to traditional IT jobs. There is the threat of global layoffs. A potential World War III is simmering as we speak, and might soon engulf the world. These are all legit fears lurking in the world we inhabit.

Then, there's the issue of traffic that citizens of Bengaluru have to uniquely endure. If working hours are pushed to 12 hours and the average commute takes 2 hours, that's 14 hours of a day engulfed in work. And it's not like we get to enjoy premium commuting services to help us rejuvenate ourselves and prepare for the day. There's the honking, the dust, and the diabetes-inducing sweetness of RJs that one must endure. In such a scenario, what can employees do? Some forces – governance, policy, and rules – are above our social jurisdiction.

When nothing works, we have each other as human beings. The IT industry brothers and sisters must come up with innovative ways to battle this scenario. The only way the Bengaluru IT crowd can fight back is by doing what they do best – building apps through innovation. Start selling office chairs with inbuilt massage facilities. Create an underground carpooling service for sleep-deprived coders. So that when we go home, we have people who understand our plight – a shoulder to cry on, an ear to vent to. HR-approved 'self-therapy' sessions that are basically nap sessions approved by the employer. Take a leaf from our brothers who drive autos and taxis. They are constantly speaking to each other on the phone so that they can stay awake, and have a friend to navigate the tricky lanes of life together. Create a self-help group of people who call each other during work hours so you can walk about in the office, pretending to be 'on a call'.

To quote a certain Mr. Guevara – 'Revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall.' Of course, Mr. Guevara had no idea that the word 'apple' would signify an electronics giant. But greater miracles have occurred in human history. In fact, one occurred a few weeks ago when the entire city came out to celebrate! To paraphrase (and twist) a famous quote – 'First, they came for the Testers, and I said nothing. Then they came for the UI/UX team, and I said nothing. Then they came for the scrum masters, and I said nothing. Finally, they came for me during my one-hour 'billable' lunch – and there was nobody left to speak for me.'

(The writer's views are personal)

TALKING ART

ICONIC DESIGNS FROM THE SKIES

JITHA KARTHIKEYAN
(The writer is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

AIRCRAFT have been in the news lately for all the wrong reasons. The horrific crash of Air India's AI-171 in Ahmedabad is one of the rarest aviation disasters in the nation's history. While we are still trying to make sense of it all, sifting through the rubble, here's a look at how aircraft have played a part in art.

Aviation art is a genre that tries to portray all aspects of flying, from the aesthetics of the aircraft to the historical events connected with some of them, although the styles may vary from abstract interpretations to realistic portrayals. So, what drew artists to this not-so-conceptual muse, which ideally fits into a science museum rather than an art gallery? In the past, travelling in an aeroplane wasn't a common mode of travel. The novelty of it and the technological advancement it signalled fascinated artists as it did the rest of the world. They took to their canvases, especially with the commercial flight boom in the 1950s, and allowed their imaginations to soar to the skies.

American modernist painter, Georgia O' Keefe, known for her paintings of flowers and desert landscapes, started sketching on aeroplanes while travelling around the world, enamoured by the spectacular views she saw through the windows. "Such things as I have seen out this window, I have never dreamed", she once wrote to her sister. Her monumental painting, 'Sky Above Clouds IV' from 1965, captures an endless expanse of clouds, a sight that can be seen only through an aircraft window.

If O'Keefe's depictions were of aerial views, Russian artist Kazimir Malevich chose pure geometric abstraction to illustrate the experience of flight. In his painting from 1915, 'Suprematist Composition: Airplane Flying', instead of painting an aircraft as we know it, he used rectangles to convey motion and the right colours to indicate an upward trajectory. This new form of movement enchanted him greatly, and he once wrote, "Can a man who always goes about in a cabriolet really understand the experiences and impressions of one who flies through the air?"

The surfaces of aeroplanes also served as canvases to be adorned with artworks. Several aircraft carriers had decorative art on the tails of the planes. And 'Nose Art' specifically refers to art on the front fuselage of the aircraft. It was popularised during the Second World War to boost the morale of those fighting by personalising their war planes with art.

In all the stories on aviation art thus far, this takes the cake – an entire city was designed based on aerial views. When renowned architect Le Corbusier was flying over Rio de Janeiro in 1929, he sketched the urban plan for the city, incorporating elements of the landscape and topography inspired by new perspectives he saw through his plane window. The design came like a revelation, he once stated. He even went on to write a book on the 'eagle eye' that aviation offered.

Art history is replete with visual odes to air transport and although the tragedy of an aircrash can shake us, we must acknowledge the global connectivity that air travel has given us, besides the unique perspectives in art. Bon Voyage!

NUGGETS

Exhibition celebrates womanhood through art

Sima Patel, an Ahmedabad based artist, presents her solo exhibition 'Naaritva' at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram, which ends on Monday. The exhibition features over 40 artworks each celebrating the spirit, strength, and soulful journey of womanhood. Spanning various mediums such as oil, acrylic, watercolors, graphite, and even coffee, Patel's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. The exhibition is open to all from 10.30am to 6.30pm . Entry is free. For more information, call 98737 60402.

Edu institute marks silver jubilee with job-readiness seminar

Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL) held a career seminar recently in the city, led by entrepreneur Arjun Vaidya, as part of its silver jubilee celebrations to guide professionals and students on adapting to India's evolving job market. Vaidya spoke on digital identity, passion, rural opportunities, team building, AI, and entrepreneurship. The event saw participation from SCDL alumni, working professionals, and students. It also included an HR round table conference, a Dale Carnegie training workshop, and an awards ceremony. The event was guided by Pro Chancellor Swati Mujumdar and supported by corporate partnerships.

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I, **Mrs. M. SELVI,** W/o **Nagaraj** Aadhaar No.379241639496, R/at Maruthi Nilaya, STS Colony Road Kattugollahalli, Bengaluru- 560049 have changed my Minor daughter name from **V.DEVA RAKSHITHA** to **DEVA RAKSHITHA** vide affidavit dated: 21/06/2025 Before Notary **S.Subashini** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOKA RAMANJINAMMA,** W/O MOKA SUDARSHAN, RESIDING AT NO.2/86, MAALA VEEDI, VAJRAKARUR, ANANTAPUR, ANDHRA PRADESH 515832,have changed my name from **ANJALI** to **MOKA RAMANJINAMMA,** vide affidavit dated 06-03-2025 sworn before notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEMICHAND SIREMAL,** S/o Siremal, age 68 years, R/at No. 273, Perfecta charm, Flat No.303, Albert Victor Road, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **S NEMICHAND** to **NEMICHAND SIREMAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NEMICHAND SIREMAL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-06-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **BHARATI PATIL** at Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **MURARAMMA M. A.,** D/o. Arasappa, Aged about 45 years, Residing of Mavathuru, Koratagere Taluk, Tumakuru District-572129, presently residing at HCG Women's Hostel, Tower-8. Near Geo Hotel, Kalinga Rao Road, Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru-560 027,
I declared that my name is **Muraramma M. A.** Instead of **Muraramma** as declared vide affidavit dated 28/06/2025, sworn to before notary Rajendra, M A LLB, at Bengaluru.

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I, **DHEEKSHA VEENA,** Daughter of Veena. Nagarajan, aged about 20 years, residing at No.26, 6th Cross, Nandi Durga Extension, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'V.DEEKSHA'** to **"DHEEKSHA VEENA",** vide Affidavit dated 28.06.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Puttaramaiah, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KARABASAPPA** S/o **Gurubasappa Patil,** R/at Karabasappa Patil, 0902, 9th Floor B Block Wing 1 KHB Platinum Apartment, Near Shrike Circle, Kengeri New Town, Bangalore- 560060 have changed my name to **KARABASAPPA PATIL** vide affidavit dated: 28/06/2025 before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRI SHREEDHAR KAMBAR,** S/o Sri Shivanand Kalappa Kambar, age 40 years, R/at Flat No. 102, Everjoy Shalini Apartment, No.1, 2nd Cross, 12th Main, Balaji Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 061 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SHREEDHAR KAMBAR S, SHREEDHAR KAMBAR** and **SHREEDHAR SHIVANAND KAMBAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHREEDHAR KAMBAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th June 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. PADMANABHA RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MARY SHOBHA, W/o Edwin .J.A, R/at No.09, Khata-7/1, Near Siluvepure, Kasagattapura, Bangalore-560090, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHOBHA MT** to **MARY SHOBHA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MARY SHOBHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-06-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHIDANANDAPPA RAMANNA HOSPAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJAMMA** W/O. Katappa, aged about 44 years, residing at Ikkanuru, Hiriyuru Taluuk, Hiriyur, Chitradurga - 577598, here I state that my name in my Aadhar and other documents is mentioned as **MANJAMMA,** but in my company records and PF account my name mentioned as **MANJULA H K,** hereby I declare that both names belong to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 29-05-2025 sworn before notary Devaraja E, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA RAO,** W/o. S. Raghavendra Rao, aged about 71 years, R/at No-2159/A, 1st 'B' Cross, 6th Main Road, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'VIJAYA RAO & VIJAYA R'** to **"VIJAYA",** vide Affidavit dated 26.06.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.C. Subbu Swamy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH TULAJAPPA SABALE S/o Tulajappa, Aged About 30 years, Residing at No.4, Jnanashakthi Nagara, Kodigehalli, Near Jnanashakthi Kalyana Mantapa, Bangalore-560091. do hereby state that SANTOSH TULAJAPPA SABALE & SANTHOSH.M** both name's are of one and Same Person Vide-affidavit dated 19-07-2023. Sworn before Notary, Chandrashekaraiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RUDRE GOWDA SHANKARA GOWDA** S/o **S Rudre Gowda** R/at No.4 Veerabhadreshwara Nilaya, Opp 9th Cross,1st Main, Near SVS Kalyana Mantappa, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name to **SOLMANGOWDA RUDREGOWDA SHANKARA GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 28/06/2025 before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, 1. SRINATH .B.G, S/o Govindraju, aged about 50 years, **2. Smt B.N Kavitha,** W/o Srinath B.G, aged about 43 years, R/at No.287, 6th Block, BEL layout, Next to Police Station, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **NAVYASHREE .B.S** to **NAVYASHREE .S** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAVYASHREE .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-06-2025 , sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARUNA .V** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, REKHA CHIPPALAKATTI, Son, Daughter, Wife of S.N CHIPPALAKATTI, R/at No.4067/B/6, Ward No.05, Padmavathi Colony, VTC Mudhol-587313 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **REKHA CHIPPALAKATTI** to **RAVIJA SHEDBALKAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAVIJA SHEDBALKAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-06-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANESH GOWDA M.V** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMED RIYAZ AHMED, S/O MOHAMMED SAIFULLA (Late), aged about 62 years, residing at No.150, 9th Cross, Puttanna Lane, Police Road, Ranasingh Pet, Bengaluru - 560053, have changed my name from **MOHAMMED RIYAZ AHAMED** to **MOHAMMED RIYAZ AHMED,** vide affidavit dated 28/6/2025 sworn to before R.S.Vijay Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, MANISH KISANDAS VASARKAR AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, AND TAPASYA PURI AGED ABOUT 44 YEARS, W/O MANISH KISANDAS VASARKAR, BOTH RESIDING AT #5081, PRESTIGE WELLINGTON PARK, GANGAMMA CIRCLE, JALAHALLI, BENGALURU-560013, have changed our daughter's name from KYRA VASARKAR to KEERTI VASARKAR vide affidavit dated:28.06.2025 before advocate and notary Smt. A. Manjula, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYASHREE AMBINKUDIGE SHIVARAMAIAH,** D/O, Shivaramaiah Ambinkudige, aged about 47 years, W/o,Suhas Krishna Pandit, Residing at #169, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Sapthagiri Residency, Muttarayana Nagar, RV Niketan PO, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560059, Karnataka, have changed my name from **VIJAYASHREE SUHAS PANDIT** (Old Name) to **VIJAYASHREE AMBINKUDIGE SHIVARAMAIAH (VIJAYASHREE .A.S.)** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated: 29.06.2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **S.N. Madhu,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **USHARANI RANGANATH** W/o **Dr. Ranganth H R,** R/at Sampige Layout Prashanth Nagar No.127, 3rd Main, Bangalore- 560079 Karnataka, have changed my name to **USHA RANI** vide affidavit dated: 28/06/2025 before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANTHKUMAR DOWLATHRAO,** aged about 50 years, S/o Late DOWLATH RAO, residing at Present address No. 99, 5th Cross, Rose Vista Layout, Srinivasapura, Bagalur Main Road, Bagalur, Bengaluru Karnataka-562148 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SHANTHKUMAR DOWLATHRAO** and **SHANTH KUMAR D** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHANTHKUMAR DOWLATHRAO** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27/06/2025 sworn before Notary **S.R. RAVIKUMAR** at Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **Ashwini Bharadwaj Vijaykumar,** D/o B S Vijaykumar, aged about 40 years, presently at No.105, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Shreyas Colony, Gauravnagar, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru South, Karnataka-78,
I Declare that the names **ASHWINI BHARADWAJ VIJAYAKUMAR** & **ASHWINI B VIJAYAKUMAR** are one and the same person only vide Affidavit dated 08/05/2025 sworn to before Notary S. Samuel Soloman, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAYASHREE KOKATNUR (Old name) W/o. Mr. NAVEENKUMAR. M, date of Birth: 11-09-1982, residing at NO. 48, 4TH CROSS, JYOTHINAGAR, CHANDR ALAYOUT, BANGALORE – 560 072, have changed my name from **JAYASHREE KOKATNUR** to **JAYASHREE SHIVABASAPPA KOKATNUR** vide affidavit dated 28.06.2025, sworn to before DEEPA.M, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAPNA KHARE,** aged 47 years W/o **NAVARATAN RA DHOKA D/o SURESH KHARE, residing at NO 1501, 2nd FLOOR, 4th C MAIN ROAD 11th A CROSS, WEST OF CHORD ROAD,MAHALAKSHMIPURAM, BENGALURU 560086, have changed my name to SAPNA JAIN** vide affidavit dated: 26.06.2025 before advocate and notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru.

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NUTAN'S *ME WITH THE KING KEMPEGOWDA* REIMAGINES HISTORY THROUGH AI

A SHARADHAA

Backed by Narasimhaswamy, the AI-rich film explores Kempegowda's life, legacy, and battles. The Telugu rights of the film have already been sold

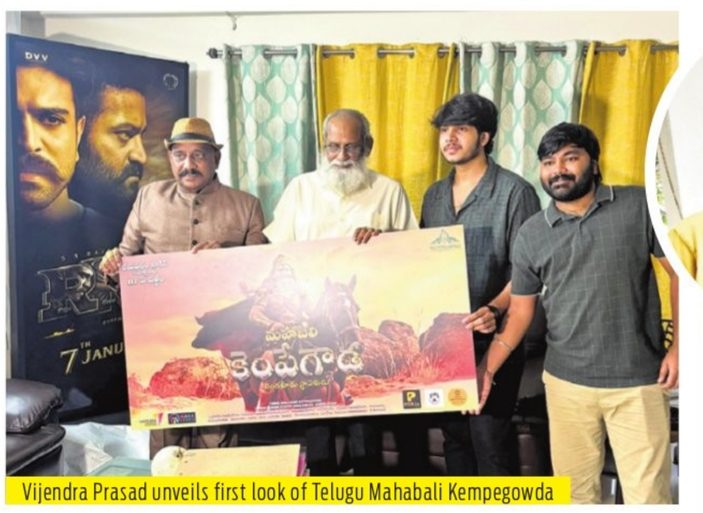
NUTAN, the innovative filmmaker behind Love You, the first Kannada AI film, is back with an even more ambitious project, a historical epic titled *Me with the King Kempegowda*, which traces the legendary ruler's journey from childhood to the decisive Battle of Talikota. Nutan, who has taken complete creative control, handling direction, screenplay, music, and visual design of the film, which is backed by producer Narasimhaswamy.

"Kempegowda is not just a name; he is the very foundation of Bengaluru," Nutan says. Interestingly, he is not following a book-based narrative. "It's based on what I heard growing up, from oral histories and stone inscriptions. I've even researched deep inscription carvings, and those gave me the most fascinating insights," he reveals.

While a few well-known directors have been contemplating films on Kempegowda, Nutan seems to be leading the race. His bold decision to recreate Kempegowda's life using 75% AI and 25% live-action sets the film apart. "AI gave me control and scale, but when it came to war scenes—especially the sword fights, I needed real artistes to capture the sharpness and realism. That alone takes a major investment," he explains.

The creator has incorporated four fight sequences, with one major battle in the second half that spans a stunning 30-minute sequence. "The first-look poster shows Kempegowda in his middle age, but the film spans from his childhood to the end," Nutan shares.

In a major development, Kempegowda has also made waves beyond Karnataka. The Telugu rights have been acquired by noted distributor Ram Satyanarayana, and the film will be released in Telugu as Mahabali Kempegowda. The first-look poster was recently unveiled by celebrated writer V Vijayendra Prasad, father of RRR and Baahubali director SS Rajamouli.



Vijendra Prasad unveils first look of Telugu Mahabali Kempegowda

"I've taken that extra step to get the historical tone sharp—Bengaluru's roots, Vijayanagara's grandeur, everything will be seen in a new light," says Nutan. He adds that 70% of the project is complete, and he aims to release the film in November.

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- Nutan, AI creator/ director

Vinay Rajkumar's *Andondittu Kaala* locks release date; second single rekindles 90s school romance

CE FEATURES

VINAY Rajkumar's Andontittu Kaala, which has been in the making for a few years, is finally set to release in theatres on August 29. Alongside the announcement, the team unveiled the film's second track, Areyare Yaao Ivalu, a nostalgic tune that takes listeners back to their school days. Uniquely, the song was launched by school students, turning the event into a celebration of youth, memories, and the innocence of first love.

The film's first song, Mungaaru Maleyalli..., has already garnered over 36 million views, striking a chord across Karnataka. The newly released track is expected to follow suit. Composed by Raghavendra V with lyrics by Arasu Anthare, the song features Vinay Rajkumar and Nisha Ravikrishnan in a 90s school setting. The actors donned school uniforms to portray their younger selves in this sequence.

"This song is very close to my heart," said Vinay, adding, "Playing a 16-year-old was fun but challenging. Losing weight for the role reminded me of my school days." On the other hand, Nisha added, "Though my role is small, it carries weight. The team was supportive, and working with Vinay was a delight."

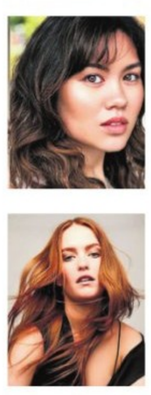
Directed by Keerthi Krishnappa in his debut, Andondittu Kaala is backed by Bhuvan Suresh's Bhuvan Movies banner. The film also stars Aditi Prabhudeva, Jagappa, Aruna Balaraj, and features a guest appearance by Ravichandran. While cinematography is by Abhishek Kasargod, editing will be handled by Keerthi himself.

A still from the film

The Burbs star cast expands

CE FEATURES

ACTORS Erica Dasher, Georgia Leva, Kathleen Kenny and Max Carver will round up the star cast of Peacock's upcoming mystery comedy series *The Burbs*, starring Keke Palmer, Jack Whitehall, Paula Pell, Julia Duffy, Mark Proksch, and Kapil Talwalkar. Carver, Dasher, Kenny and Leva are popular for their roles in *The Batman, Jane By Design, Sex Lives of College Girls* and *You*, respectively. The series is an adaptation of Universal's 1989 horror-comedy of the same name, led by Tom Hanks, Carrie Fisher, and Bruce Dern. Similar to the film, the series will unfold in the backdrop of Los Angeles.



Written by Celeste Hughey, the series follows a couple, who from the husband's childhood home, move to a suburban area. Their lives aren't the same again after a new neighbour brings some shocking secrets of the cul-de-sac that could potentially cause chaos in the seemingly quiet neighbourhood.

The series will have Seth MacFarlane, Aimee Carlson and Erica Huggins serving as the executive producers for Fuzzy Door, in a deal with Brian Grazer, Natalie Berkus and Kristen Zolner of Imagine Entertainment, the banner behind the 1989 film.

A SHARADHAA

A scattered but relevant take on digital identity

AVANIRABEKITTU, which roughly translates to 'He Should Have Been There', wears its title like an unsolved riddle. It speaks of absence, of a missing presence during a critical moment, and that central void powers this unpredictable thriller. At its core lies a simple but terrifying idea: What happens when someone else shares your name, your PAN number, and maybe even your entire bureaucratic identity? In a country increasingly governed by digital IDs, Aadhaar, PAN, eKYC verifications, this idea feels relatable and in tune with the times. Director Ashok Samrat taps into this modern paranoia and spins it into a psychological thriller that begins in confusion and unravels into full-blown chaos.

We follow Dev (Bharath Hassan), a smooth-talking car dealer with more secrets than clients. His prized asset? An old Ambassador, once used by unnamed "great personalities," now rigged with hidden cameras and is bizarrely unsellable. His world begins to slip when a mysterious woman, Bhavya (Sowmya John), is found tied up in the trunk. She isn't a simple kidnapping victim—she insists she's part of a guerrilla marketing campaign, a mystery shopper. Malls, hair oil, fake ads—they are all part of a strange performance that feels less like strategy and more like delusion.

Then comes the real shock: a whopping ₹1 crore is siphoned off using the name "Theertha Narayanappa." Shockingly, that name doesn't belong to just one person—Dev and Bhavya share the same identity on paper, and every card they posses. Same name, same PAN number, same date of birth. What should be a minor clerical error becomes the fulcrum of a surreal legal and personal nightmare.

AVANIRABEKITTU

Direction: Ashok Samrat

Cast: Bharat Hassan, Sowmya John, Jayasimha, Lakshmi Devamma, and Prashanth Siddi

The first half of *Avanirabekittu* is intentionally disorienting, laying out pieces without immediately offering the picture. But it's in the second half that the thriller finds its voice. The real tension lies in the investigation—not just into the stolen money or the duplicated identity, but into how fragile a person's existence can be when filtered through state records and surveillance databases.

Sowmya John is convincing in her scenes of confrontation, at banks, in front of officials—where her character learns, slowly and painfully, that she may not legally exist as herself anymore. Dev, too, is shadowed by paranoia and guilt. A recurring nightmare sequence, featuring whispers of 'Theertha... Narayanappa', haunts him and gives the film some of its eeriest moments. Interestingly, Bharath Haasan, who plays Dev, clearly understands the psychological depth of the character, which helps him deliver a grounded performance.

The supporting cast, including Jayasimha, Lakshmi Devamma, and Prashanth Siddi, among others, bring their own essence to the film's strange ensemble of bystanders, conspirators, and enablers.

While the performances do their bit to the film, the screenplay stumbles. Characters appear and vanish without explanation. Locations shift abruptly. At times, the film feels like it's trying to outsmart the viewer rather than involve them. The overlong runtime doesn't help, padding the plot with unnecessary detours. Still, Devaraj Poojari's cinematography injects much-needed atmosphere, and Loki Tavasya's two musical tracks act as soft interludes, briefly easing the film's psychological tension.

Avanirabekittu is far from perfect, but it is undeniably different. It speaks from a distinctly Indian context—where a repeated or wrong digit in your PAN or Aadhaar could leave you legally helpless. It forces viewers to consider how our identities—once tangible—have become just data points.

It's a chaotic film, scattered in its execution, and occasionally disjointed, but intelligent in its ambition as it raises a relevant question: In a world ruled by databases, what if your identity was no longer yours?

Aamir Khan's *Sitaare Zameen Par* crosses ₹100 cr

AAMIR Khan-starrer *Sitaare Zameen Par* has collected over Rs 100 crore at the domestic box office. Directed by RS Prasanna, the film is produced by Aamir alongside Aparna Purohit and Ravi Bhagchandka.

Billed as a spiritual sequel to the critically acclaimed movie *Taare Zameen Par*, it was released in theatres on June 20. The film opened with Rs 10.7 crore nett at the domestic box office. The total box office collection stands at Rs 107.78 crore nett, according to a press release.

Sitaare Zameen Par follows the journey of a basketball coach (Aamir), who mentors ten differently-abled individuals. Alongside Aamir, the film also stars Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishna Varma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar.

Raj B Shetty's *Su From So*, directed by JP Thuminad, to release end of July

CE FEATURES

THE first single from *Su From So*, titled 'Danks Anthem', has been officially released, and the track offers an energetic and colorful glimpse. Written and directed by JP Thuminad and produced under Raj B Shetty's Lighter Buddha Films, the film marks JP Thuminad's directorial debut.

As for the single, 'Danks Anthem' is a high-spirited dance number that captures the essence of celebration. Set in what appears to be a home on the night before a wedding, the video features an enthusiastic group of friends and family — slightly tipsy and full of life — dancing with infectious joy. JP Thuminad, Prakash Thuminad, Deepak Rai Panaje, Mime Ramdas, Shaneel Gowtham, and others light up the screen with their vibrant moves. The choreography by Vinayak Acharya adds a youthful and playful charm.

The song is sung by Anurag Kulkarni with lyrics by Raj B Shetty and music composed by Sumedh K. The track comes with catchy beats and fun vibe.

Although the storyline of *Su From So* has not been revealed, the title poster suggests a comedy centred around a death in a household, possibly mixing themes of grief and humour. The film, which has been shot over 50 days in locations around Venoor, Kakkyapadavu, and Mangaluru.

Cinematography is handled by S Chandrasekaran, with a background score by Sandeep Tulasidas and action choreography by Arjun Raj. Produced by Shashidhar Shetty Baroda, Ravi Rai Kalasa, and Raj B Shetty, *Su From So* is slated for a theatrical release on July 25.

A still from the film